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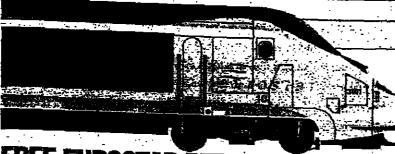
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Invading Tutsis capture key city

# War in Zaire brings fear of bloodbath

By Michael Binyon and Sam Kiley in Uvira

GOMA, a strategic city in eastern Zaire, yesterday fell to the invading Rwandan army in fierce street-by-street fighting alongside Zaire's Tutsi insurgents. Its capture is expected to trigger a new pogrom against the Tutsis in the

turbulent, sprawling country. The signal has already been given in Kinshasa, the capital. Zaire's parliament voted on Thursday to expel all ethnic Tutsis from Zaire's army, civil service and state-owned companies. A huge mob yesterday surged through the centre of Kinshasa, looting and attacking Tutsi-owned property and calling for all-out war against

Kengo wa Dondo, the embattled Zairean Prime Minister, has defiantly rejected calls for regional peace talks, and accused Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda of sending troops to wage war on his country and join forces with the counwho have risen in revolt against their oppressors.

Western diplomats were last night predicting the possible break-up of Zaire along with fresh massacres and a new torrent of refugees. They said the Kinshasa Government had all but lost control of its mineral-rich eastern provinces, which are threatened by ethnic bloodshed.

Tens of thousands of refugees have been streaming out of the main cities as Zaire's ragged army retreated in disarray before determined assaults by the well-trained Rwandan army. Zaire last night claimed to have recaptured the eastern towns of Bukavu and Uvira in Kiyu province.

Anastase Gasana, Rwanda's Foreign Minister, denied that his Government was fighting in Zaire. But journalists watched as Rwandan soldiers advanced on Goma, 75 miles to the north of Bukavu, by land and across the lake. Last night the triumphant army appeared to be in control of the centre of Goma.

Frantic attempts were being made by neighbouring coun-tries and the United Nations to halt the bloodshed, but all proposals for a swift peace conference have been rejected. by both sides. Mr Gasana said Rwanda had no need of an international peace-keeping force. The European Union has appealed to the Organis-



ation for African Unity to intervene, but it has watched helplessly, expressing only its "grave concern" and calling for an end to hostilities.

President Mobutu of Zaire, recovering from a cancer operation in Switzerland, has said nothing about his country's disintegration. Staff at his luxurious villa in Lausanne said he was smiling and relaxing and appeared to be in good health after an operation in August for prostate cancer. Western Europe, has a popu-

Zaire, a country the size of lation of 40 million, comprising more than 400 tribes and 200 languages. Since its inde-pendence from Belgium in 1960, the mineral-rich country has been plagued by corruption, mismanagement and ethnic conflict.

The latest ethnic tension was sparked by the Kinshasa Government's call for the exmulsion of all. Tutsis, who were disenfranchised in 1981. The Tutsi, cattle-herders originally from the Rift Valley, are spread throughout Central Africa, and now control the army and government in both Rwanda and Burundi, although they are a minority in each country. They have also been settled in eastern Zaire

for the past 200 years. The United Nations has lost contact with an estimated 500,000 refugees, both Hutu and Tutsi, who fled the latest fighting in eastern Zaire. Vestern aid agencies were preparing for a mass evacuation of their staff.

Corinne Dulka, a Reuter journalist trapped in Bukavu, said civilians were beginning the rout of the Zairean troops. She said that the town had fallen to lines of well-equipped rebels in uniform and carryng mortar bombs on their

eads through the streets. We were visiting the Hotel Residence in the north of the city to see the South Kivu province's Military Governor. General Elesse Yombentole, when pandemonium erupted with soldiers running back and forth," she said.

"Hundreds of militiamen and troops suddenly started streaming down past the hotel from the southern entrances of the city. The general went up to his room at the hotel to get his gun and with a band of bodyguards rushed out. During the afternoon tens of thousands fled Bukavu"

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#### Outrage over Gascoigne selection

By JOHN GOODBODY AND EMMA WILKINS

cluded in England's World Cup squad yesierday, provoking outrage among women's rights groups and religious organisations which said he should be dropped over allegations that he beat his wife. Campaigners accused the England coach, Glenn Hoddle, of putting football before the safety of women and setting a good example to young people. But Mr Hoddle said that to drop the Glasgow Rangers star from the party travelling to Georgia next week would have been the

easy option; Gascoigne had recognised his problems, was taking counselling and had to Mr Hoddle, a committed Christian, named not only Gascoigne, but also Tony Adams and Paul Merson, who are both being treated for

Sheryl Gascoigne dislocated fingers

well as lan Wright and Paul Ince, who also have a bad disciplinary record.

But the greatest forgiveness involved Gascoigne, whose wife Sheryl was photographed two weeks ago with face injuries and dislocated fingers apparently suffered in a row with the player. Mr Hoddle, drink-related problems, as ling session with the Rangers

Jesus . spoke about was forgiveness, in the long term, not just the Mr Hoddle said that he had

selected Gascoigne on merit. although he did not condone what he had done. "I have high standards," he said, but he added: "I accept that people are human. The facts are that if Joe Public had done exactly the same thing and there had been no police involvement. that man wouldn't have got the sack and his capacity to earn would not have been

taken away from him." The Football Association fully backed Mr Hoddle's judgment. In a joint statement, Keith Wiseman, the FA chairman, and Graham Kelly. the chief executive, said: "The FA has considered the interests of the game as a whole. We don't condone unacceptable behaviour. We condemn

player, pleaded with critics to – it. We have some knowledge of – women, said :"Hoddle has allow him to be given a personal matters that relate to clearly shown that football chance, saying: "One of the the situation and we are and winning a match is more dle's decision is the right one." But women's groups, religious leaders and opinion

polls all insisted that Mr Hoddle had made the wrong choice. Sandra Horley, chief executive of Refuge, said the selection sent out all the wrong signals. "Allowing Gascoigne to represent England can only give the impression that it is all right to beat your wife." And Julie Bindel, spokeswoman for an international conference on violence and abuse of

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women." It was an outrage that Gascoigne, who admitted two years ago that he beat Sheryl, should be made "a national hero in this way and that he will be even more of a role model for many boys and young men".

Mgr Kieran Conroy, a spokesman for the Catholic church, was also concerned about Gascoigne's influence Continued on page 3, col 4

Rob Hughes, page 52

#### US firm holds talks on merger with BT

MCI Communications Corpo- The News Corporation, owner ration, America's second largest long distance telephone company, announced last night that it was in talks with British Telecom on a possible combination of the companies. BT already holds 20 per cent of MCI which last year invest-ed \$2 billion (EL24 billion) in

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By GEORGE SIVELL

of The Times.

If the two companies merge, the deal will be colossal. BT shares were worth 351p at the close of trading last night, down 42p, giving the company an estimated value of £22.6 billion. MCI, whose shares soared alomost \$6 to more than \$30 before the announcement, is worth more than \$21 billion on the stock market. Trading in MCI shares was halted after the rise, sparked by a report on an American television station

MCI said it expected the talks to be concluded this weekend, although it noted that there were no guarantees a deal would be reached. It is a time of immense

change in the telecommunications industry. BT merger talks with Cable & Wireless. the second largest British tele-phone group, failed this year. Last month Cable & Wireless. through its Mercury subsidiary, merged with three cable television and telephone firms.

#### Jailed nurse kept secret her psychiatric history

A NURSE who sabotaged an intensive care unit's equip-ment hid a history of serious psychiatric problems from her employers it emerged yester-day as she was jailed for five

Amanda Jenkinson, 37, was found guilty of causing grievous bodily harm to a patient at Bassetlaw Hospital in Worksop. Nottinghamshire. But police said that she could have been responsible for more than 30 incidents in at least three different hospitals — and patients may have died.

The Times can reveal that Jenkinson was the main suspect in an inquiry into hospital sabotage 12 years ago. She was investigated by police in 1984 while working at Nottingham City Hospital but insufficient evidence was found to charge her.

The incidents, spanning two years, also involved machines being switched off or altered and equipment was damaged. She went on to work at eight other hospitals, none of which Telecom giant, page 27 knew of her background. At



Jenkinson: sabotaged intensive care unit

Nottingham Crown Court yesterday, a judge called her

Chief Superintendent Peter Coles, who led the two-year investigation said: "My own view is that she is a very dangerous lady who transferred her venom towards her colleagues to her patients."

Asked about other possible incidents, he said: "You are talking about seconds in time, many years ago. It has been a very difficult case. He said the medical authorities faced a

much of a nurse's medical history should be passed on to her employers. Munro Donald, Bassetlaw's chief executive, praised his

Jenkinson. "It was they who allowed us to stop this evil woman in her tracks." The nurse, who had excellent references, was thoroughly vetted but concealed her psychiatric history. The hospital had no way of check-

ing her background.
North Nottinghamshire Health Authority, which buys services from Bassetlaw, an NHS Trust, said yesterday that it would hold an independent inquiry to see if any

lessons could be learnt. Jenkinson shook her head as Mr Justice Owen told her: 'All nurses will be horrified at what you did." He added: You did what you did for your own selfish purposes and you caused great harm to a woman who unhappily was going to die, but nevertheless you caused her that harm."

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#### Gun lobby to sue Howard

Michael Howard was threatened with legal action in the British and European courts unless the Government improved compensation to shooting enthusiasts over the outlawing most handguns. The gun lobby reacted furiously to the Home Secretary's announcement that there would be no compensation for ammunition, accessories or the loss of trade.... Page 10

#### Tough anti-strike laws proposed

Anti-strike laws proposed in a leaked Green Paper include fresh strike ballots after every three months of industrial action and a new threshold for ballots. Strikes could proceed only if they were backed by the majority of the workforce, whether they had voted or not .....

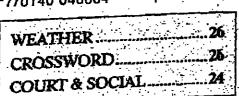
#### **Bomb suspects**

About 40 suspects are under arrest for the terrorist bombing of an American barracks in Saudi Arabia Officials there are convinced that the attack was backed by the Iranian Government .Page 13

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#### Unions and employers reject Green Paper as an overreaction

#### Lang threatens tougher strike ballots

ANTI-STRIKE laws proposed in a leaked Green Paper go much further than had been expected, it emerged yesterday. They include a require-ment for fresh strike ballots after every three months of industrial action and a new threshold for strike

ballots.

Strikes could proceed only if they were backed by the majority of the workforce, irrespective of whether they had taken part in the ballot. (an Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, has also proposed extending the notice period for strike action after a lawful ballot from seven days

The plans were leaked to the Trade Union Congress, whose general sec-retary, John Monks, called them a "cynical pre-election attempt to play the trade union card". Britain's good strike record did not justify such

Stephen Byers, Labour's employment spokesman, described the draft Green Paper as a "triumph of political dogma over good industrial relations". The Government should be trying to prevent the cause of strikes by promoting partnership at vork, he said.

Employers' organisations also accused the Government of overreacting. Geoff Armstrong, directorgeneral of the Institute of Personnel and Development, said that the Government was taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut. "If this is true, the Green Paper goes much further than anyone had expected and way beyond strikes in essential public services." he said.

Ministers were angry last night that the proposals had been leaked

this month.

Mr Lang refused to be drawn last

night, although a statement from the Department of Trade and Industry said that he was already on record as saying that the Government would shortly bring forward new measures to deal with public service strikes.

Ministers acknowledge privately that unless the spate of strikes seen in the summer picks up again, legislation on the new proposals is unlikely before the election. Instead, the proposals are likely to form a centrepiece of the Conservatives' election manifesto, but could quickly move into law if the Tories win.

The paper says that, while the Government has brought about a "revolution" in industrial relations, recent strikes had shown that there was little statutory protection against disruption of essential services. "The Government believes there is now widespread recognition that the right to call strikes should be constrained within reasonable limits." Unions and their members must take account during a dispute of the wider interests of the community.

Arguing that recent strikes had shown clearly that "some trade unions cannot be relied on to exercise self-restraint", it puts forward a range of measures to limit strikes: ☐ Essential services: instead of trying to carry out the legally complex task of defining what constitutes an essential service, the Green Paper says that the Government will remove the immunity enjoyed by trade unions from civil action if a strike is judged to have "disproportionate or excessive effects". These would in-clude risks to life, health or safety: threats to national security; serious damage to property or the economy:

and "significant disruption of every-day life" in part or all of the country.

Strike: notice: the current law requiring a union to give seven days notice of strike action, after a lawful ballot, should be doubled to allow those adversely affected by strikes a longer period to prepare themselves.

Ballot threshold: strike action will be legal only when a majority of those entitled to vote are in lavour, rather than a majority of those voting. This would prevent unions from calling industrial action when there had been a low turnout in the ballot. ☐ Reballoting: strikes would be sub-ject to a fresh ballot at most three

months after its start, and at threemonthly intervals afterwards. Other moves include ending the right of employees to take time off for union activities, and the abolition of a right to information for collective

bargaining with employers.

#### Head girl wins battle to save her school

A HEAD GIRL yesterday won a reprieve to stop her school from closing at Christmas. Fiona Thake. 17, forced a climbdown after she served a writ on the owner of the 88-year-old York College for Girls, which two weeks ago was doomed to closure.

Fiona wrote to the Church Schools Company after it made its decision to close the school and she and her friends kept up a concerted campaign, including the issuing of writs, to halt the plans. Now the school will be kept open until the summer so that pupils can sit their GCSE and A levels.

The news came as a great relief to Fiona, who threatened to take her case to the European Council for Human Rights, because she feared her dreams of becoming a doctor would be dashed if she had to switch schools months before her A levels.

She said yesterday: "Obviously I am delighted that we got what we wanted, and that was to stop the school closing at Christmas, which could have ruined my future. But I'm sad such a good school will close in the summer.



Fiona Thake and friends after hearing yesterday that York College for Girls will stay open until the summer

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#### Blair outstrips Kinnock in party leader role

TONY BLAIR currently has a more favourable image as a party leader when compared John Major than Neil Kinnock had five years ago, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

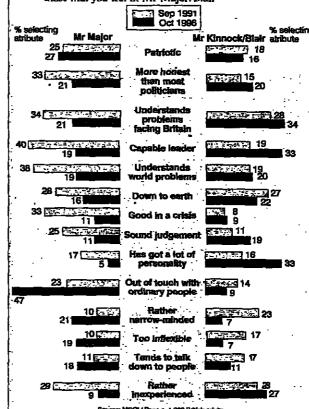
The poll, undertaken last weekend, shows that both Mr Blair and Mr Major have improved their images in the eyes of the public compared with last February, when the same questions were posed. More see Mr Blair as having a lot of personality, understanding world problems and those facing Britain, being patriotic and having sound judgment. More people also regard Mr Major as patriotic, down to

earth and a capable leader. Overall, Mr Major is ahead of Mr Blair as being good in a crisis and being patriotic, while all three party leaders, also including Paddy Ashdown, are virtually at level pegging in being seen as more honest than most politicians. Otherwise, Mr Blair is ahead on being seen as a capable leader, having sound judg-ment understanding Britain's problems and having a lot of personality. He comes top, however, on being seen as

rather inexperienced. As revealing is a compari-son of where Mr Blair and Mr Major stand now against where Mr Kinnock, then the Labour leader, and Mr Major stood in September 1991.

On all but two of the 14 measures of leader image, Mr Major's standing has deterio-rated compared with five years ago. The exceptions are being patriotic and inexperi-. His image has become much worse since 1991 on being a capable leader, being

PARTY LEADER IMAGE 1991-8 Here is a list of things both favourable and unfavourable that have been said about various politicians. Pick out all those that you feel fit Mr Major/Blair



out of touch with ordinary people and understanding world problems. By contrast, Mr Blair's im-

ige is more favourable than Mr Kinnock's five years ago on 11 out of the 14 measures. In some cases, the changes are not large, but Mr Blair is clearly better placed on having a lot of personality, being a capable, leader and having sound judgment. The only three points where Mr Blair is

less favourably placed than Mr Kinnock are patriotism, being seen as down-to-earth

Former Tories take a much less favourable view than Tory loyalists of Mr Major's qualities as a capable leader, his understanding of the prob-lems facing Britain and being out of touch with people. MORI interviewed 1,747 people at 161 sampling points between October 25 and 28.

#### Major longs for the quiet life in a library

BY ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR, who has never been noted for his interest in books, revealed yesterday his secret ambition to follow in his mother's footsteps and become a librarian when he leaves

Downing Street.
While Baroness Thatcher has carved out a role as an international stateswoman since her fall from power. Mr Major has a much more modest ambition. The Prime Minister, whose favourite literary characters include Billy Bunter and Robin Hood, wants to be surrounded by books when he gives-up - or is forced to

leave - Number 10. Mr Major, responding to a question yesterday from children at Priory Junior School, Gedling, Nottinghamshire, about what job he would like, said: 'I would like to read books. I would like a job that would surround me with the things I love - maybe work-

The Prime Minister would

have made his late mother, Gwen Major-Ball, proud. She worked in a library when he was a child in south London. He used to snuggle up in his bed every night in Brixton with a copy of one of his first library books, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne. Mr Major, whose favourite writers are Anthony Trollope, Robert Goddard and Jeffrey Archer, chose the 19th century novelist's The Small House at

Allington when he appeared on Desert Island Discs in

January 1992. Mr Major cam-

paigned successfully for a niche for Trollope in the overcrowded confines of Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey. But before the Prime Minister could realise his ambition he would have to go back to school. Librarians have university degrees. Mr Major has only a handful of O levels. He would also have to take a huge pay cut in his Prime Ministerial salary which will go up to £143,000 after the general election, or £98,000 if he is Leader of the Opposition.

Trainees in public libraries earn little more than £10,000 and the salary for a fully qualified male librarian is £25,500. One librarian in Nottingham, told that Mr Maior wanted to become the library servce's most illustrious re-cruit since Philip Larkin, said: "Oh no. That is the last thing we want. We are trying to change our image as duil little dormouses. I don't think he

should be encouraged." Mr Major was not so forthcoming to the youngsters when they asked him about his favourite food.

While most people know he cannot resist frozen peas he declined to be drawn for fear of an intensive media comment. "It will be all over the newspapers as the commenta-tors start subjecting it to all kinds of analysis. I will have to tell you in private.

But he defended his favourite restaurant, the Happy Eat-er. Famous people are just like ordinary people," he said. He used them when he was hungry just as anyone would.

#### Tory hierarchy campaigns to save Scott

BY ALICE THOMSON AND ANDREW PIERCE

THE Conservative Party hierarchy has launched a behind-the-scenes campaign to try to save the political career of Sir Nicholas Scott, the former minister facing a deselection battle on Monday.

Right-wing members of the Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Association are

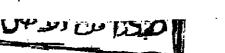
trying to replace Sir Nicholas with a younger more Euro-sceptic candidate ar the general election. The move was launched after the MP was found slumped in the street late at night last month yards from John Major's hotel at

the party conference in Bournemouth. But those seeking his deselection also want to thwart the parliamentary ambitions of Chris Patten, the Governor

of Hong Kong, who hopes to resume a Commons career after next June's handover to China. They view him as a

paternalistic one-nation Tory. The high command wants Sir Nicholas to hang on, then create a by-election in a possible safe seat for Mr Patten.

And the Prime Minister is keen to see his former party chairman back in the



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#### 'I don't condone what Paul has done but I want to help him change', says England coach

# ballo Hoddle's faith in forgiveness stems from deep belief

GLENN Hoddle's plea for Paul Gascoigne to be forgiven over allegations that he beat up his wife is testament to the England coach's strong reli-

His faith stems from an England tour to the Middle East in 1980, when he was 28 and still playing. The team visited Bethlehem, where Mr Hoddle had an "exhilarating"

Tony Adams, Arsenal:

hard-tackling, uncompro-

mising defender. In Decem-

ber 1990 was sentenced to

four months' jail for a drink-driving offence. For-

given by Arsenal, for whom

he has been an inspiring skipper, he also captained

England during the Euro 96 championship last June.

His domestic troubles were

disclosed two months ago when it emerged that his

wife, Jane, is a drug addict and Adams himself admit-

ted that the stress caused

him to become an alcoholic.

spiritual experience that put him on the path to God. By then he was already

seeing a faith healer for soccer injuries, and claims a healer once cured him of a hamstring injury. Although Mr Hoddle, who believes in reincarnation, avoids any description of himself as an evangelical or bornagain Christian, his faith is Christ-centred. He is an occa-

Paul Ince. Internazionale:

abrasive midfield player,

often in trouble with refer-

ces. When playing for Manchester United he ran

towards the crowd after

Eric Cantona kicked a

spectator at Crystal Palace

in January last year. Ince

was subsequently cleared

of assaulting a spectator. Last March he was sent off

when playing for Interna-zionale in the Italian

League but refused to leave

the field for three minutes.

Ince, who is black, is fre-

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sional rather than a regular churchgoer, although Sunday football commitments would make regular churchgoing

Mr Hoddle, who first made his faith public ten years ago, insists: "I wouldn't say I was a born-again Christian, I wouldn't say I was anything. I've got a strong faith in God and a belief in God."

In a recent interview on BBCl's The Big Question, a Sunday morning religious programme, England's yourgest-ever coach continued: "I do believe we're here for spiritual reasons and I think that the spirit lives on after death." He confessed: "Jesus is probably the biggest example that we've had on earth to try and live our life or how God wants us to live our life - so it's a very individual belief I've got, a very individual connection with God."

He said: "One of the prime things Jesus spoke about was forgiveness. I don't condone what Paul has done but I want to help him change. People can change -- Saul was one. I want to give him that opportunity to learn from his mistakes. If you want to call it a last chance -- I'm not calling it a last chance — but the ball's

in his court." Mr Hoddle also named Tony Adams and Paul Merson, who are both being treated for drink-related problems, as well as Ian Wright and Paul Ince, who also have a bad disciplinary record.

He responded to the stream of calls demanding Gascoigne should have been left out of the squad as a public example to others. He said: "The word example is important here. I want to give Paul the chance to make an example of him longterm. What a great example if he can change, like Paul Merson has changed. You can have a quick example, punish him and cast him out now. But I am hoping that Paul can change. I have seen a change in him in the last two weeks and I hope that can continue.

"If we can make him a role model after some of the mistakes he has made, that would be fantastic example to children, to youngsters and others in the same position. If I honestly didn't think that was possible I wouldn't have brought him in. But to cast him out now would be detrimental to the long-term things his family are looking for, that as a footballer he's looking

"Gascoigne has to be forgiven by his family and by everyone else involved. In an ideal world, Paul Gascoigne will become a role model off the back of the mistakes he has made. That would be fantastic. I believe that with my help and that of counselling we can guide and help both him and his family."

Gascoigne's last chance, p52



Hoddle announcing his squad yesterday: a changed Paul Gascoigne would be a good example, he said

#### Outrage over Gascoigne selection

Continued from page ! on the young. He said: "Paul Gascoigne's selection sends out a message saying that bad behaviour doesn't really matter. It says that we are still prepared to put them in places where they have a high profile as a role model. You can't ask young people to emulate just one aspect of a role model, they are bound to see the whole person." Mgr Conroy also questioned Mr Hoddle's notion of forgiveness, saying: "Forgiveness must be based on a willingness of the

much surplus butter."

Rabbi Julia Neuberger also felt that Gascoigne's inclusion in the squad suggested that domestic violence was not

But Mr Hoddle insisted that Gascoigne had to be given the chance to become a good role model. "I want to give Paul the chance to become an example long-term. What a great example if he can change.

offending party to put things right. You like Paul Merson had changed. You can any just dish out forgiveness as if it is so have a quick example, punish him and cast him out now. But I am hoping that Paul can change. If we can make him a role model after some of the mistakes he has made, that would be a fantastic example to children, to youngsters and

others in the same position." Gascoigne himself spent yesterday morning training at Ibrox Park and said nothing. His wife, who is living in

#### **Britain** stars in **Emmy** line-up

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

BRITAIN has provided more than half the nominations for this year's International Emmy awards - the Oscars of the television business.

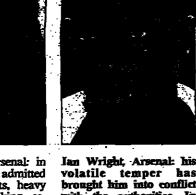
The BBC comedy Men Behaving Badly was nominated, as were the animated duo Wallace and Gromit, who last month went missing in the

back of a New York taxi. Channel 4's Father Ted concluded a clean sweep for Britain in the popular arts bracket. The House, the controversial BBC documentary about life behind the scenes at the Royal Opera House, and another BBC co-production. Children of the Revolution. were among the ten British nominations (out of a total 18). Two of the three nominations in the children's television category were British.

are open to all TV programmes made outside America. The British nominations

are:
Popular arts: A Close Shave —
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Paul Merson, Arsenal: in November 1994 he admitted to gambling debts, heavy drinking and taking cocaine. He said later of his problem: "I hit rock bottom. I was near suicide. There were times when I was at. the wheel and I used to think about pulling over in front of a lorry." Forced to rehabilitate himself, he fought back, first into the Arsenal team and then into the England squad. However, last month it was disclosed that his marriage had suffered because he no longer felt able to go out and



volatile temper has brought him into conflict with the authorities. In February 1995, he paid a woman £750 in an out-of court settlement after spitting in her face. The following month he was involved in a fracas with Steve Bruce, of Manchester United, at half-time. Accused by Roger Nilson, of Sheffield United, of spitting in his face during a game this January. Caused great offence when he called David Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, a "pervert".

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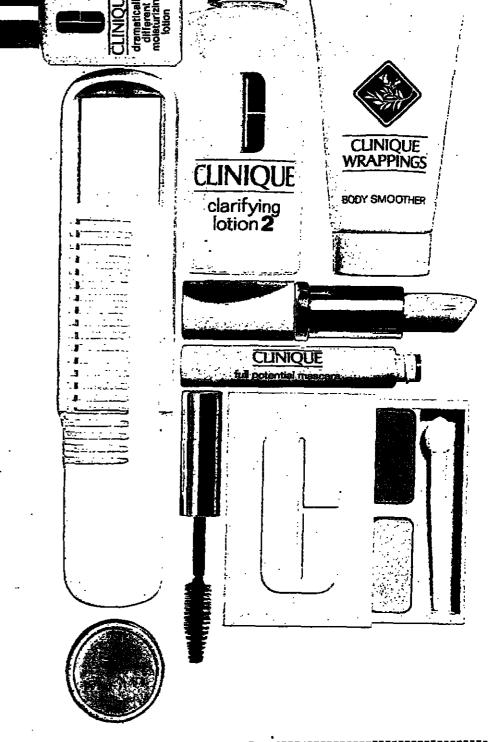
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Tina Dixon with her long-lost brothers Kevin Brown and Mark Innes

#### . Woman finds her long-lost brothers on the golf course

By Kathryn Knight

A WOMAN playing in a golf tournament lost the game but found a new family when she discovered her opponent was the brother for whom she had been searching for years. The amazing coincidence

e led to Tina Dixon, 39, being reunited with her two brothers from whom she was separated as a four-year-old when they were given up for adoption in 1961. Mrs Dixon, née Innes, had given up hope of ever finding her brothers

Kevin and Mark. Her only clue had been that they were adopted by a family called Brown on the east coast of England but she had phoned every family of that name in the area with no it was Kevin Brown. My heart success and eventually gave up her decades long search. Then Mrs Dixon, a hair-

dresser, and her husband John, were paired up with Mark limes, from Killingworth, and his partner Ron Wingfield, in the annual competition draw at the Slaley Hall golf course in Northumberland.

Yesterday, Mrs Dixon from Stocksfield, Northumberland, said that as the couples began their game, she mentioned to Mr Wingfield that she was having trouble with ber shoulder. He suggested she should see Mark's brother who was a physiotherapist. "When I asked what his

brother was called he told me

leapt into my mouth. I asked why they had different names and he told me they'd been adopted and Mark had taken back his original name."

Eventually, at the thirteenth hole, she plucked up the courage to break the news to her brother. "I just couldn't believe it," Mr Innes, who is married with two children. said: "I was shocked rigid. It's not every day someone comes up to you on a golf course and tells you they are your long lost sister."

The family was completed when Mr Innes contacted his brother by phone from the raced down from his home in

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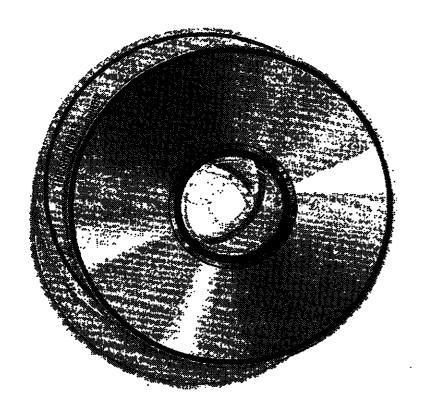
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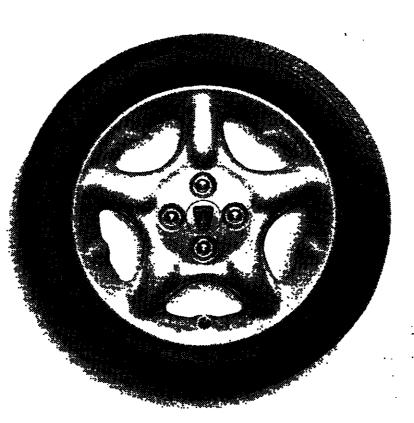
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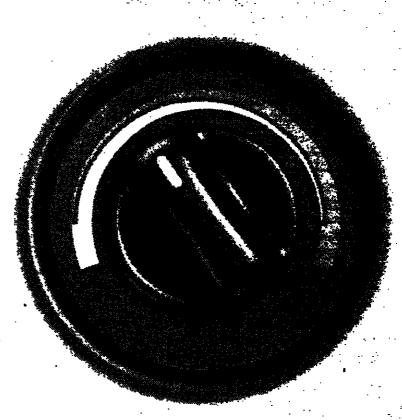
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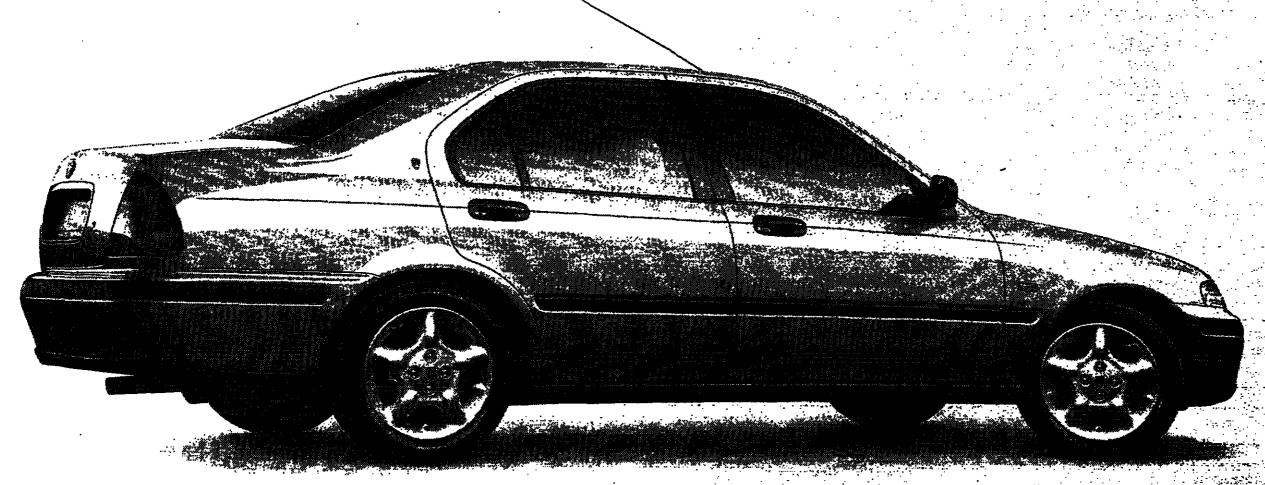
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Council dirt on f by dog Woman who was regarded as suicide risk arrived at each new hospital job with glowing references

# Sabotage nurse concealed history of mental illness

AND STEWART TENDLER

DURING Amanda Jenkinson's 16-year career as murse she attempted to harm herself on at least one occasion and received treatment for mental illness. Yet she managed to hide her psychiatric history from six different hospitals and arrived at each new job with glowing references. It was claimed yesterday by

a senior medical source that at least one hospital was aware that she was undergoing psy-chiatric treatment. They were worried she was going to commit suicide and there was certainly a suspicion of self-harm." She never declared her treatment on job applications, although required to do so.

Jenkinson was jailed yester-day for sabotaging intensive care equipment at Bassetlaw District General Hospital in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, Twelve years ago a hospital in Nottingham called in police when machines appeared to have been tampered with Jenkinson was questioned, but no action was taken against her. Police said the incidents were almost identical to those at Bassetlaw.

At one hospital she was suspected of having stolen medical equipment, including drugs and syringes, but de-tails were not passed to later

She was also regarded as a



Bassetlaw District General Hospital: last in a series of hospitals at which Jenkinson worked

self-harm between 1982 and 1984 while working at Notting harn City Hospital. Her treatment continued when she was never part of the tearn." moved to Southmead Hospital, in Bristol: Jenkinson attributed her problems to a nervous breakdown, suffered

after an abortion in 1982. Colleagues at Bassetlaw re-garded her as a loner, Nurse Rosa Jones said: "She used to have mood swings. Some mornings she was happy and some she wasn't, so I didn't talk to her."

Another colleague recalled that Jenkinson once refused to speak to her for two full shifts for no apparent reason. During police interviews. Jenkinson described one colleague as

Dr Antony Dixon, who ran Bassetlaw's Intensive Therapy Unit; said: "Amanda gave the suicide risk and attempted impression that being a grade

ble with the law before. I'm

going to take legal action

worth Borough News.

already have appeared in our

pages and we are not going to

print the names twice. Wandsworth won't pay us to print official notices and now they

want us to publish this for

free. If they pay us we will consider it, but only if we are

satisfied that it is accurate and

The civil rights group Liber-ty said: This is ridiculous and

a waste of money. Wands-worth is holding its own residents up to vilification and

in effect they are getting a

legally sate."

ssed with the list. "I don't

actions were designed to discredit colleagues and gain her

In August 1993 she was passed over for promotion to grade E. It is thought that this failure triggered her actions against patients.

She first fell under suspicion at the beginning of 1994 after six unexplained incidents in the unit which were initially put down to human error. Settings had been altered, or machines switched off. An internal investigation was ordered and it was discovered that Jenkinson had been on duty each time. In January 1994 she was suspended and police were called in.

She was finally sacked in March last year for failing to disclose that she had received osvehiatric treatment. She appealed against the decision and, according to Bassetlaw officials, the process is still "in limbo". Warnings have been sent to every health authority in Britain, asking them to contact Bassetlaw if Jenkinson applies for a post.

Before arriving at Basset-law, in March 1990, her employers included: the Nottingham School of Nursing; the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford; the Northern General Hospital, Sheffield; St George's Hospital, Tooting. south London; Southmead from April 1985 to May 1986; and the Central Middlesex Hospital, west London.



applications her treatment for mental illness

#### **Doctors urged** to divulge their fears about staff

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE health service is under pressure to introduce better monitoring of employees' health so that a case such as that of Amanda Jenkinson does not happen again. Doctors are being urged to breach confidentiality when treating hospital staff whose psycho-logical or physical condition could pose a risk to patients.

The General Medical Council already permits the secrecy of the consulting room to be waived in the public interest if a failure to blow the whistle "may expose the patient or others to risk of death or serious injury".

Few doctors, however, seem prepared to lose the trust of their patients by reporting them to employers or profes-sional bodies. The health service still largely relies on medical staff being honest enough to admit they have a problem or for colleagues to report their suspicions. Faith in the system has been shaken by cases such as the HIV-positive doctor in the North West who failed to tell employers of his condition until days before his death this year.

After Beverly Allitt managed to murder child patients her care while afflicted with Munchausen's syndrome by proxy, the Department of Health introduced more stringent checks on the employwould have been unlikely to catch Jenkinson.

Working in Nottingham City Hospital between 1982 and 1985, she received treatment for depression. Her next employer, Southmead Hospi-tal, Bristol, was not told officially of her medical history. She continued to seek psychiatric help at Bristol but this was not disclosed to the

Jenkinson worked for five more hospitals but none knew of her past mental problems. While on bail, she was dismissed from her final post at Bassetlaw Hospital, not for the offences she was accused of but because managers learnt she had failed to admit to her psychiatric history when she was interviewed for

the job.
Sir Cecil Clothier's report into the Allitt murders was published in February 1994, after the incidents that brought Jenkinson to court. He called for all applicants to join the nursing profession to have to disclose their history of sick leave from work or college. Nurses should be given formal health screening when obtaining their first posts after qualifying. Those changes were introduced but would probably have failed to detect Jenkinson, because her problems happened while already

#### Council to dish dirt on foul play by dog owners

By Damian Whitworth and Ian Murray

A TORY council's plan to humiliate tenants convicted of allowing their dogs to foul pavements by issuing a list of their names to local newspapers yesterday faced a threat of legal action and a refusal by all action and a refusal by a left the gate open. I held my hands attended in the gate open a left the gate open a country for the lees as

The housing committee of countril tenant for the last 34 Wandsworth council, in south London, decided to issue the list to the papers and to send letters to neighbours of those named. The letters will tell them to report any continuing anti-social behaviour so the think they have thought this council can move to exict our properly. The list is very guilty families

The list included 23 people fined for allowing their dogs to foul a footpath, three residents found guilty of noise pollution and four families evicted for

being bad neighbours.

Margaret Mervis, the committee chairman, said: "This is what decent tenants want. The council is sick of dealing with anti-social behaviour on its estates and believes community pressure can help bring them to heel.

These people have abused their neighbourhoods and nobody should feel sorry fof them. If it teaches them a lesson then they will benefit from it. What we should do is think of the poor people they have made suffer by their behaviour and try to do some-

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of pickle divides tribunal

By A Staff Reporter

was never part of the team."

of causing grievous bodily harm to Kathleen Temple, 67,

a patient at Bassetlaw, by

turning down a ventilator

attempted grievous bodily

harm to two other patients. Brenda Joyce and Joyce

Charlton. She was originally

charged with murdering another patient. Winifred Cashman, but that accusation

The prosecution said that

Jenkinson was the common

denominator in a series of

incidents at the four-bed Inten-

sive Therapy Unit between November 1993 and January

1994. A ventilator regulating Mrs Temple's breathing was altered from eight breaths a

**Stickiness** 

was dropped.

She was convicted yesterday

A FACTORY driver claimed he suffered a shoulder injury when his forklift truck skidded on Branston pickle. But when managers at the Nestle factory in Chepstow. Gwent, decided to re-enact the incident they found the pickle was not slippery at all.

John Ashby, 31, who took three days' sick leave, was later sacked from his £190-aweek job for gross misconduct. He is claiming unfair issal at an industrial t<del>ribun</del>al in Cardiff.

Anthony Brooks, distribution manager for Nestlé, said he was suspicious about Mr dubious with incomplete names and addresses and some of the cases go back months, said Malcolm Rich-Ashby's account of the incident because he had 26 enards, editor of the Wandstries in the accident book during his five years with the "Most of these cases have

He told the tribunal: "We tried to copy the accident several times with other spilt Branston pickle but that failed...I did not believe the accident had taken place in the way described by Mr Ashby. I believe it was fabricated and was an act of gross

misconduct." Peter Fry, a shopworkers' mion official, told the tribunal that the Branston pickle lests were flawed. There is no way the condition of the pickle could be exactly the

same." The case continues.



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Broader role for travel agencies

#### Labour plans to 'privatise' tourist information centres

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT IN ISTANBUL

PLANS to "privatise" Britain's network of 800 tourist information centres by handing them over to travel agencies are being drawn up by Labour. Jack Cunningham, Shadow Heritage Secretary, and Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, held detailed talks about the proposals with the Association of British Travel Agents during its annual convention in Istanbul yesterday.

Dr Cunningham earlier told delegates that Labour was determined to give them a bigger role in selling Britain as an international tourism destination. An outline of his ting up joint ventures between local authorities and travel agencies in key tourist areas, will be unveiled within the next ten days.

Dr Cunningham is finalising a tourism policy document based on changes to the Development of Tourism Act of 1969, which gives powers to local authorities to run information centres from local finances. Abta has been pressing the Government to give tourism within Britain, but has so far been ignored. Labour has picked up the plans, which it sees as a way to save cash and tap into the expertise and latest electronic equipment of travel agencies. Dr Cunningham said there were "huge opportunities" to market Britain in the run-up to the millennium but they were being ignored. Britain is slipping down the world tourism league," he said, "If Britain had been able to retain its

share of world tourism, there

would have been at least

200,000 new jobs created." Instead, he said, travel

agents continued to use their experience and skill to send Britons abroad rather than enable them to take holidays at home and that had created a deficit in the balance of payments. The British Tourism Authority (BTA) said last night that it would support any move to give travel agents a share in the running of tourist information centres. "As long as what they do is good for British holidays, then we are all in favour," a BTA spokeswoman said.

#### Cheltenham stung by Archers arrow

CIVIC leaders in Cheltenham are furious after a character in The Archers described the town as dreary (Emma Wilkins writes).

Julia Pargetter, who considers herself to be a member of the aristocracy despite her humble origins, made the derogatory remark in an episode this week. When asked if she was going to visit Cheltenham. Mrs Pargetter said: "I've got better things to do than trudge around a dreary market town."

The slur brought an indig-nant response from Keith Gore, president of Cheltenm's Chamber of Commerce. "The scriptwriter has ham should be delighted."

clearly never been to Cheltenham. I think it's very unfair." Vicky Goodwright, of the Cheltenham Tourist Information Board, said the cast

and producers should visit the town before making criti-"Cheltenham has come a long way in the last 300 years, from a small market town to a fashionable spa resort and a thriving town."

A spokesman for the Radio serial pointed out what every attentive listener to the series already knows: criticism from Julia should generally be regarded as a good thing. "Julia is a terrible

tunity," Ian Reynolds, Abta's chief executive, said. "We've been to see the Department of National Heritage to press for greater involvement in selling British holidays, especially through short breaks. But there is no point in a travel agency offering domestic holi-days if just along the street is an information centre or tourist shop funded by the local council which is doing the

same thing."
He said hotels sometimes refused to deal with travel agencies because their offers were available freely through local tourist centres. The 562 tourist information centres in England are run mainly with local authority money but some have the help of private investment or central government. Some are almost selfsufficient through the sale of local produce and souvenirs. It is this disparate grouping that is encouraging Labour to introduce a unified scheme.

The tourism industry is worth £37 billion a year to Britain. In the past 12 months foreign visitors reached a record 24 million, spending a total of £12 billion.

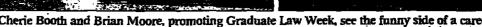
Dr Cunningham told the convention that he was determined to try to win the next World Cup and the Olympics for Britain as part of the drive to increase tourism. But he said Labour would sign up for the Social Chapter, which many in the industry regard as a potential problem, and he expected Brussels to insist on Britain Iollowing the EU's Working Time Directive.

He insisted, however, that the directive would provide workers only with the right to refuse to work beyond 48 hours but not force them to stop work if they wished to continue. He refused to be drawn on the minimum wage.

"We will ensure that the voice of the industry is heard at the Cabinet table, something that has not happened in the recent past," he said.

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#### A life in law proves a laughing matter

CHERIE Booth and Brian Moore dissolved into giggles yesterday as they posed at a photocall to publicise the launch of Graduate Law Week (Kathryn Knight writes). Ms Booth, a barrister, and Mr Moore, a solicitor and former England rugby player, had met for the first time and were being photographed in Ms Booth's London

The two broke into laughter as they-

iested about who should sit behind Ms Booth's desk and who should sit on it to achieve the best effect. In the end, with Mr Moore concurring that Ms Booth's legs were better than his. Ms Booth perched above her desk for photogra-phers. Later, in the interests of balance,

the two swapped positions. The two lawyers discussed the problems of juggling their professional and domestic lives. They are to hold another

nhotocall at the launch of the Graduate

Law Fair neat Wednesday.

Their comments about the punishing schedules of a law career coincide with a survey conducted by The Lawyer magazine, in which 90 per cent of law students said they expected a stressful career and anticipated long hours. However, they also expected a rewarding career and thought the profession was highly respected by the public.

#### Haulage boss jailed for death

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The former boss of a hautage firm was jailed for a year yesterday over the death of a worker in a chemical spillage. Alan Jackson and Jackson Trans-port had been convicted at Bradford Crown Court of Bradford Crown Court of manslaughter. James Hodg-son died after being sprayed in the face with a chemical while cleaning a lorry without protective clothing. First aid was not available. Judge Gerald Coles said yesterday that he had to make the foreview lock. had to mark the fact that Jackson and the firm was found guilty of gross negligence.

#### Teacher's abuse

John Fernce, 67, a retired school teacher, was ordered to pay £10,000 compensation to a pupil he sexually assaulted 35 years ago. His victim, now aged 47 and living in Scatland. had been affected ever since. Lewes Crown Court was told.

#### Christie wins case

Linford Christie, the Olympic sprinter, yesterday accepted substantial undisclosed libel damages and legal costs over a front page story in The Sun which claimed he had failed to pay maintenance for his children.

#### Father killed son

A father who killed his sixweek-old son because he was crying was jailed for life yesterday. Darren Gleaves, 21. of Easington Colliery, Co Dur-ham. was convicted at Tees-side Crown Court of murdering his son Lee.

#### Publican jailed

Patrick Southgate, manager of a pub in Poplar, east London. was jailed for two and a half years for stealing up to £800 raised for Dunblane massacre victims and their families, and £1,400 bar takings. He fled to Spain after taking the cash.

#### Gretna record

The registration office at Gretna Green will today pass the highest number of marriages in a year when it registers its 3.587th wedding. With its busiest weeks still to come the marriages by the year's end.

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'Most of the pupils here want to study. There are a lot of good things about this school'

#### Ridings pupils call for troublemakers to be kicked out

By Paul Wilkinson and John O'Leary, education editor

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A small group gathered outside the Halifax comprehensive with a petition, calling on their fellow pupils to kick out the troublemakers and support the teachers. A banner across the main entrance proclaimed: "We need education! Support the innocent."

Zoe Walker, a 15-year-old GCSE student, said: "We want to learn, we are not all set on causing problems. We don't accept the teachers' union figures of 60 people causing trouble. There are some, but it is not such a large figure. Most of the pupils here want to study. There are a lot of good things about this school." Amy Waiker, 13, Zoe's sister, said: "We want these people thrown out. This school is full of people who have been



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and sent here. We don't want at what has been happening

over the past few days. We

have written down our opin-

ions. We think that there are

lots of people in this school

who support the staff but are

with our work, most of us get on well with our teachers. The

teachers here put in a lot of

effort to help us, both in class

and with other activities out-

The Prime Minister, giving

his view of the dispute during

a tour of Nottingham and Leicester, told BBC Television

that events in Halifax should

be kept in perspective. "It is

self-evidently a bad case at the

Ridings School, but I don't

want to draw conclusions

the Secondary Heads Associ-

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them here either." The protest came as the chairman of governors at the second school to be shut this week. Manton School in Worksop, Nottinghamshire,

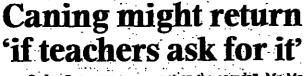
resigned after a stormy meeting with parents. Eileen Bennett announced her decision to loud cheers from the 60 parents, who had gathered to hear details of new arrangements to teach 10-year-old Matthew Wilson in isolation at a cost of £14,000 a year.

The school has been shut since Tuesday because of a strike by teachers who are refusing to have the allegedly violent boy in their classes. Mrs Bennett, who has de-fended Matthew's right to a place at Manton, refused to give reasons for her resignation but faced forceful criticism from parents.

Two other parent-governors announced their resignations. One, Francis Lawrence, whose son Damion is a pupil at Manton, said she was withdrawing the boy. "I blame the unions for the situation. Sometimes I think they would secretly like the school to close permanently. It is their refusal to teach Matthew which has escalated the dispute to this

The Ridings protest group has sent a letter of support to Karen Stansfield, the school's head, who is stepping down after less than two years in the job, blaming exhaustion. She is being replaced by Peter Clark, who takes over when the school reopens on Wednes-

The letter says: "In our group we have been disgusted



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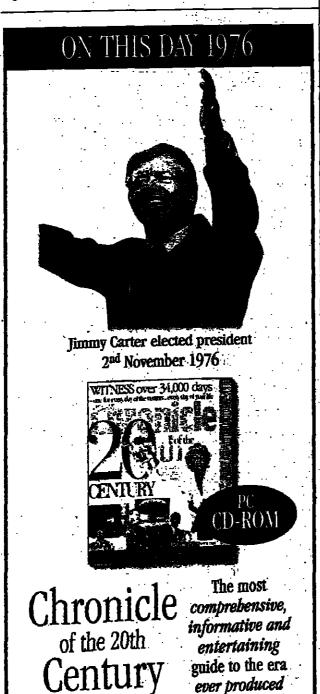
ROBIN Squire, a junior Education Minister, caused further embarassment to the Prime Munister suggesting that the Government would consider bringing back caning if teachers want-

The apparent gaffe by Mr Squire was completely at odds with the firm line taken by John Major earlier this week when he insisted that he had no intention of reintroducing caning in state schools.

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not on the agenda". Mr Major's insistence came after comments by Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, indicating that the amendments to the Education Bill that backed corporal punishment. Mrs Shephard was forced to make it clear later that she was speaking from a

personal point of view. Mr Squire, who supports corporal punishment, told MPs: "If teacher groups were addition to the measures we



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ation, feared there could be a knock-on effect. "We have seen kids waving bits of paper at the camera and read of the incidents. It can cause problems that wash over for other

The National Association of

Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, whose members at The Ridings are threatening to strike, has other cases where disputes are pending over pupil violence. Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary, said "one or two"

strike ballot. One such dispute has seen staff at Racup Fearns County School in Lancashire threaten to strike rather than teach 14year-old Matthew Nixon. The boy was expelled for punching

had reached the stage of a a teacher in the face, but an appeals committee overturned the decision. He has been receiving individual tuition, but the arrangement is due to end on Monday and teachers are refusing to allow him back into class.

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#### Cardinal Hume welcomes former Church of England clergy but insists celibacy is the norm for priests



Cardinal Hume at the ordination of ten former Anglicans at Westminster cathedral yesterday. He said the exceptional dispensation to ordain married men was God's will

#### Four married ex-Anglicans are ordained

By RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CARDINAL Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, yesterday ordained four married men to the priesthood, but insisted that celibacy re-mained the norm for the Roman Catholic priesthood.

He ordained the four men all former Anglican clergy — alongside six other former Anglicans at Westminster ca-thedral. His move was criticised by the Advent group, a support organisation for priests, monks and nuns who had to leave the active minis-try because they had wished to marry. A spokesman wel-comed the new priests, but said: "If married ex-Anglican clergy can be dispensed from celibacy, why cannot married Catholic priests be active as priests? Celibacy as a condition for priesthood is a manmade rule. It was imposed in 1139. It can be revoked."

The ordinations also attracted a peaceful protest outside the cathedral by campaigners for women priests in the Catholic church. The ceremo-ny coincided with the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Pope John Paul II. who had personally sanctioned the or-

Psaim 51 is an exercise in self-

dination of the married men. He has also permitted all the former Anglicans to enjoy a fast track to Catholic ordination, avoiding the many years in a seminary which young Catholic men undergo.

The four married men were Father Robin Burgess, 47, a chaplain at the Central Middiesex Hospital: Father Stephen Coker, 43, attached to the parish of St Lawrence's, Fel-tham; Father Timothy Edgar, 40. a lecturer with the Mill Hill Missionaries' Institute; and Father Stuart Hasker, 35. assistant priest of Our Lady of Graces, Chiswick. They were the first married priests to be ordained in the Westminster diocese, the largest in Britain

after Liverpool. Cardinal Hume said: "Celibacy remains normative. But we see the exceptional dispensation to ordain married men to the priesthood as God's will for them and for our diocese at this time." He added: "What we are doing, though new and exceptional, has the blessing of God."

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#### Only a change of heart will help us inch our way to holiness

"THE sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit. A broken and contrite heart. O God. thou shalt not despise."

Fifty years ago, at school in Edinburgh, my class started to read Chaucer. One of the early lines in the Prologue runs. "In Southwark at the Tabard as I lay." I haven't given Southwark much thought in the meantime, but much of the Prologue has stayed in my mind - about that band of pilgrims setting out from there to Canterbury 600 years ago and telling their tales. Oh. the Friar, the Pardoner and others show little evidence of broken and contrite hearts; yet in many of the pilgrims there are points of

character, now haughty, now recognise ourselves. Only the poor Parson and his brother the Ploughman escape the

The battle goes on, in all of us, between pride and humil-ity: and the lines can be blurred at times, the vice seeming almost to be the virtue. The devil knows what he is about. Screwtape and his henchmen dislike unemployment. Remember that line in Genesis: "now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field." When we protest we're of no account, or that we're misery itself and nothing +but refuse, how would we like to be taken at

Fr William Anderson, Canon of St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Aberdeen, is the winner of The Times/College of Preachers Preacher of the Year award. This is an edited version of his winning sermon. The final was held this week at Southwark Cathedral

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our word and have that said

A waggish friend, an Anglican, remarked to me recently: Yes. I do so admire humility - in other people!" And so perhaps do you and I. After all, to have our hearts bruised or crushed could involve a degree of discomfort - even pain - which we'd rather do without. A troubled spirit, a humble, contrite heart how elusive it is for the honest seeker, how hard to discern. Hilaire Belloc's epigram, The False Heart, fairly hits the

I said to Heart, 'How goes it? Heart replied: 'Right as a

Ribstone Pippin! But it lied.
I remember an eminent cardiologist opening a talk with these words from Jeremi-ah: "The heart is deceitful above all things: who can know it?" This is surely as true of the spiritual as of the physical side. The author of Psalm 51 — possibly King David repenting of his adul-tery with Bathsheba — has a series of telling insights into the affairs of the heart. And he comes before God with a number of stark imperatives: have mercy, blot out, wash me, purge me and so on.

There's urgency as well as realism about his highly per-sonal prayer, self-abasement included. Yes, just occasionally it's proper almost to grovel as he does when we pray, to come before the Almighty. slime of the earth that each of us is, and admit "Lord, my name is mud!" Indeed our sin is ever

ness, our dallying with temptation. The battering ram of God's insistent love alone will crush our underlying pride. that, humility shouldn't make permanent doormats of us, mud or no mud. It shouldn't oblige us to think less of ourselves than of others, or have a low opinion of our gifts. Perfect humility would mean freedom from thinking about ourselves at all. Disinterest in self would lead us to focus our thinking

other people, for humility is charity's first cousin. St Francis de Sales, for all his douceur, teases us about our self-importance even at surface level: "Some people are proud," he declares, "because they ride a fine horse, or have a feather in their hat, or are very well dressed. This is obvious folly, for if there is any glory here it belongs to the horse

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candid. The desire to be cleansed is intense, for the consciousness of sin oppresses its author. "Wash me thoroughly," he begs, "create in me a clean heart." And the before us; so is our waywardwhole poem, in its prayerful power, challenges us in our struggle to be open, to be lowly in God's sight. And it degree of optimism, ideals that would be within our grasp, if only we'd put our-selves meekly in God's hands, if only we'd trust his loving kindness. Neither burnt offering nor any other external show of service will suffice. Only a troubled spirit, only a change of heart will do.

> much time in trying to eliminate the great "I am" that we may become vainly anxious even scrupulous about it. So I like to remember the 17thcentury Scottish peer Lord Erskine, who complained to his publisher about the tardy production of his autobiography. He was told that the printers had sadly run out of capitals of the letter "I". Scholarship, tradition, re-

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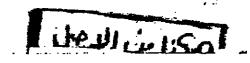
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#### Youths jailed for killing son in front of father

TWO youths were jailed yes-terday for kicking a teenager Hemmens, who had builted to death in the front garden of his family's home after he tried to stop them tormenting

Anthony Erskine, 19, was felled by punches and kicks from Mark Hemmens, 20, and Damian Collins, 16, who continued to kick him after he lost consciousness. His father, 53, told Birmingham Crown Court that he found himself frozen to the spot, unable to believe what he was watching. The Erskine family, from

Stratford-upon-Avon, had

Anthony and his twin brother, Ian, in the past. On January 3 Mr Erskine was confronted and abused by Hemmens and a group of youths.

Hemmens and Collins, both from Stratford, had already drunk about 15 bottles of beer between them and had been riding around the streets on a moped. Mr Erskine ignored the abuse and continued home, where he told his son what had happened. Anthony told him: "I'll go and talk to them and sort it out." He was

pushed by Hemmens and fell back into the parden. A scuffle broke out and Collins, who was wearing heavy leather boots, joined in the fight. Anthony was knocked to the ground, where he was kicked and punched by Hemmens.

Mr Erskine told the court: The other one [Collins] ran up and kicked Anthony in the head. He was using his head like a football. They crouched down and started punching.

That's what is getting to me — I didn't do anything. I just froze." Anthony tried to cover his head with his arms and

drowned in his blood. The killers then went to

Shipston-on-Stour, where they hoped to be hidden by friends. But they were forced to return to Stratford on foot and police found them later in the loft of a house. Both admitted that they had been involved in the violence, but denied an intention to kill.

The jury found them guilty of murder by a majority verdict of ten to two. Hemmens was sentenced to life imprisonment and Collins to be detained at Her Majes-

ty's pleasure. Mr Justice Keene said: "It was a vicious and cowardly attack. You may not have intended to kill him, but you certainly intended to do him serious physical injury. It was two of you against one and the worst of the violence was inflicted while he was lying helplessly on the ground."
Hemmens held his head in

his hands and fought back tears as the murder verdicts were delivered. Collins mouthed "No way" and shouted "Don't worry" to his grand-mother before being led away.



Anthony Erskine's sister, Natalie, and mother, Dorothy: "We cannot look to the future with any confidence"

#### Nightmare is not over, says mother

THE family of Anthony Erskine were still being threatened and feared reprisals after his killers were convicted and

sentenced, his mother said yesterday. This is not the end but another chapter in a terrible nightmare. We cannot look forward to the future with any confidence. There have been threats since my son died. The harassment has

not stopped," Dorothy Erskine, 47, said. "My son Ian was told after the trial: You will be dead; your face will look like your brother's. The area we live in is a nice area, the people are nice people.

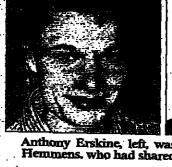
families that spoil it," Mrs Erskine told a press conference. Surrounded by her family, she said she wanted the family of Damian Collins evicted from the Clopton estate.

They are only three doors away from us. I don't think I could face seeing them come out of their door every day," she said. My children were constantly being beaten up, not just a push or shove but really being beaten up. Help was not

She said members of the Collins family, including the parents - both at present serving jail terms - had either physically or verbally attacked them. lan, Anthony's twin, said he had been threatened by friends of the two defen-dants since his brother's death and he still felt at risk on the estate.

Natalie, his sister, said: They keep saying he will end up in a coffin like his brother. We have had years of harass-ment and bullying from the defendants and their friends

Their father, Harry, 53, sat silently throughout the press conference and refused to answer questions, too upset to talk about his son's death and his







Anthony Erskine, left, was murdered by Damian Collins, centre, and Mark Hemmens, who had shared 15 bottles of beer. Police found them hiding in a loft

#### Historian sues publisher over Holocaust claims

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

PENGUIN Books and four employees of bookshop chain Waterstone's are being sued for libel by the historian David Irving for publishing and promoting a book called Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth

Mr Irving is also taking legal action against the author, Deborah Lipstadt, who lives in the United States.

He maintains that the book associates him with "extremist fascist leaders and practices". Mr Irving believes that he emerges from its pages as "an Adolf Hitler partisan who

Hie added yesferday: that I destroyed documents which I obtained from the Moscow archives."

The historian and author is no stranger to controversy. Almost 20 years ago he wrote Hitler's War, in which he isted that the extermination of the Jews was carried out without Hitler's knowledge until October 1943. He has disputed that as many as

six million Jews died in the Holocaust.

The solicitor Anthony Julius, who will be representing Ms Lipstadt, said: We will defend this all the way."

Mr Irving is involved in two other major libel cases. He is taking legal action against the Board of Deputies of British Jews, also represented by Mr Julius, and against the historian Gitta Sereny. She attacked his biography of Joseph Goebbels for its suggestion that it was the propaganda minister, not Hitler, who devised the Final Solution.

He explained his reasons for suing the four employees of Waterstone's over the Lipstadt book: When I published my book on Goebbels, I visited 900 shops in England. These larly offensive, saying. We have given instructions that our store will never stock your book. That's why they have found themselves singled out in this way. These particular gentlemen took the decision to

sell her [Sereny's] book." A Penguin spokeswoman said: This is nonsense. We are obviously going to defend ourselves very, very strongly. We have offered to indemnify the four booksellers."



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Measures that would mean destruction of 160,000 legal weapons could be in force by Christmas

#### Howard proposes the toughest gun laws in the world

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL HOWARD unveiled proposals yesterday for some of the toughest gun controls in the world in response to public and parlia-Dunblane massacre. His meatered dealer. sures ran into a barrage of criticism from the gun lobby.

The Home Secretary said he hoped that, with the co-operation of all parties in Parliament, the Firearms (Amendment) Bill would be law by Christmas.

Launching the 40-clause Bill at the Home Office, he said: Dunblane highlight the need for radical reform of our firearms legislation. This Bill would give this country some of the toughest gun control laws in the world.

The main proposals are: All handguns above .22 calibre would be banned, leading to the destruction of 160,000 of the 200,000 legally held hand-guns in Britain. Illegal possession of a banned gun would carry a maximum jail term of ten years.

Only handguns using .22 or smaller rimfire cartridges would be permitted, to be kept at registered gun clubs. It would be an offence to have a small-calibre pistol outside a licensed club, punishable by a sentence. A special permit from the police would have to be obtained when a handgun was moved from a club normally only for competition purposes or repair by a regis-

Those exempted from the ban include: vets who have to put down animals: workers in slaughterhouses; and race officials at athletic meetings. People with trophies of war obtained before 1946 can apply to be exempt and those with antique pistols kept as ornaments and not fired will be able to hold them at home without a certificate.

Banned handguns would be handed in at a designated police station within a short time of the Bill becoming law. Compensation would be paid to handgun owners and gun dealers who had weapons in their possession on October to, the day the Cullen inquiry into the Dunblane killings was published. Compensation would be based on the market value of the guns on October 15. No compensation would be paid for ammunition or accessories, or to gun clubs or dealers for loss of business. No small-calibre pistols

premises unless the club was The Home Secretary or

would be allowed on club

Scottish Secretary would grant a licence to a club at a cost of £150, renewable every five years. The chief police officer would have to be satisfied that the club had adequate security. It would be an offence for a club not to keep a register of pistols held on its premises. Those who did not shoot regularly would lose their right to a certificate. Applicants for a certificate would have to show that they were fit to hold a firearm and

comprehensive questionnaire. Police would be able to revoke a certificate where a good reason for possessing the gun no longer existed. Every-one using a firearm would have to possess a certificate it was possible in the past to shoot at an approved gun club

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two references. Referees face a

Expanding ammunition would be banned except for the purpose of lawfully shooting deer and vermin. Mailorder sales would, in effect, be banned, as selling, hiring or making a gift of a firearm would have to take place in person. Gun owners would be required to tell police if they bought, sold, destroyed, transferred or deactivated any gun.

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George Staden: his stock includes 220 handguns which he now cannot sell

#### Pro-gun lobbyist sacked as social worker for hitting child, council says



By Stephen Farrell

A PRO-GUN lobbyist whose wife planned to stand for Parliament in Dunblane was dismissed as a social worker after allegations that he hit a child in care, it was disclosed yesterday.

The claim emerged as police entered Richard Law's Pembrokeshire farmhouse, headquarters of the Shooters' Rights Association, and took possession of firearms and ammunition. Lewisham Council, southeast London, confirmed

after claims that he hit a boy at Sydenham Hill children's bome. "There was a serious incident after which the council had no hesitation in dismissing Mr Law and making it clear he should not work with people in care again," a

Lewisham spokeswoman said.

The allegations were not passed on to police because the alleged victim was unwilling to give evidence. a source said. Dyfed-Powys Police are to consider whether Mr Law should continue to hold firearms licences. He is a firearms

when he announced plans for his wife, Elizabeth, 41, to contest the Stirling seat which includes Dunblane. The plan was dropped. Dyled-Powys detectives said they would wait until Mr Law returned from holiday before questioning him.

A firearms lobbyist launched an internet appeal for information to discredit organisers of the Snowdrop petition. The activist circulated e-mail bulletins seeking details of those behind the appeal, which attracted 700,000 signat-

#### Man who sold to Hamilton attacks 'immoral' Bill

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THE largest Smith and Wesson dealer in the country watched the market value of his 220 handguns fall from £66,000 to zero in a few

George Staden's gloom at The London Armoury was matched only by Smith and Wesson's British distributors, who declared that Dunblane had been "the gun trade's equivalent of BSE".

Debate among dealers and wholesalers in the wake of Michael Howard's proposed legislation has already moved on from lost business to demands for compensation. Before Dunblane Mr Staden, a former Thames lighterman. sold 530 handguns a year and had 100 customers a week at his black-fronted shop be-neath a railway arch at the north end of the Rotherhithe Tunnel in east London. They ncluded the Dunblane killer Thomas Hamilton, who bought Browning pistol grips and other accessories by mail order a few months before the

Although rifles and airguns still fill the green baize racks behind steel doors and bulletproof windows, Mr Staden, 9, sold his last pistols on October 14 Full-bore handguns accounted for 80 per cent of his business. In addition to his unwanted

pistols, he has £50,000 worth of ammunition and accessories. He wants £750,000 compensation for stock, premises, loss of annual earnings until his retirement, and pension entitlements. Yesterday, he learnt that the maximum compensation would be for the handguns alone, less than a tenth of the total he seeks. "It is a criminal destruction of an already totally police-conhe said. "I trolled industry," he said. "I think [Michael] Howard is proposing immoral measures to wreck a complete industry with minimal compensation.

held an emergency meeting in Birmingham on Thursday. attended by 200 retailers and suppliers. Roger Hale, managing director of Parker-Hale.
British importers and distributors of Smith and Wesson,
estimated that 50 per cent of dealers would go out of business, partly because of the ban and partly because clubs could not afford the security measures required for holding

other types of weapon. This is effectively a total ban. Clubs won't be able to charge adequate subscriptions, so there won't be any clubs and there won't be any shooting," he said. "It sounds heretical but, as a trade, we would be better off if there was a total ban. Under the current proposals the Government can say it has left us the refuge of .22 handguns so they have an excuse for not compensat-

ing us properly."

Mr Hale said that his firm.
which has a £3.5 million annual turnover, would lose 15 per cent of its revenue. It has other areas of business, manufacturing small-arms compomachinegum parts for the

Ministry of Defence. Smaller dealers were not so fortunate, he said, and the market had slumped across Europe. "There has been a 50 per cent fall in sales in Belgium with the introduction of tighter legislation and Germany is going through a very hard time at the moment.

"Dunbiane has been the gun trade's equivalent of BSE. The scare which has been thrown into the market as a result of Dunblane has been considerable and universal." George Staden dismissed his chances of diversifying into sporting weapons in a deprived urban area a stone's throw from the Krays' old haunts in Bethnal Green.

"Shotguns, around here? Not unless I sold very short-bar-

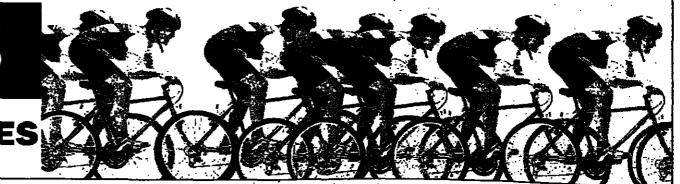
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1,400 detectives STEWART TENDLER

A NATIONAL police squad to fight crime, with more than 1,400 detectives and an annual budget of £90 million, is to be set up under proposals in the Police Bill published yesterday,

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Under proposals first outlined last year by the Prime Minister, the Bill brings together measures to fight the growing menace from national and international organised crime. It will create a new national crime squad, reorgamise the existing National Criminal Intelligence Service with greater powers and give police a legal footing to break in to the property of criminals and monitor their conversations electronically.

The Bill also sets out the framework for the creation of a criminal records agency that will provide vetting on convictions. The agency will provide

#### NATIONAL SQUAD

certificates for prospective employees showing whether they have a clean record. A police information technology organisation is also being set up. with new equipment such as

computer systems.
The national crime squad's remit will cover any serious crime that crosses force bound-aries. In practice, this will include organised crime, drug-trafficking, armed robbery by teams and traud. The detectives will concentrate on criminal operations both at national and international level, working with forces abroad.

The squad will be created by amalgamating the six regional crime squads under a directorgeneral. Recruited from existing chief constables or other top-level officers, the directorgeneral will direct the operations of the squad. Up to now, the national co-ordinator of

been unable to oversee or direct strategy or operations, which have been controlled regionally by forces and chief

Within police circles, Depu-Assistant Commissioner Roy Penrose, the current coordinator, is already rated as one possible candidate for the new job. Bill Taylor, Commissioner of the City of London Police, and David Veness, the Assistant Commissioner at Scotland Yard in charge of specialist operations, might also be contenders.

Introducing the Bill yester-day Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, emphasised that the new squad would not be a British version of the FBI. He said the new squad would not recruit and train its own officers but would take detectives on secondment from

In the United States, he



Left to right, David Veness, Bill Taylor, and Roy Penrose, the senior officers who have been tipped for the post of director-general of the national crime squad

said, there were two levels of legislation: at state level, and federal legislation, which the FBI dealt with. Britain has no

Mr Howard said: "These proposals will give the police the organisation they need to fight the increasing threat from organised crime. The national crime squad will provide an improved, nationally co-ordinated approach to tackling crime."

The new squad and the National Criminal Intellibe overseen by an authority including police and police authority representatives. For the first time. NCIS will be separated from Home Office unit. Both the service and the squad will be funded by levies

on forces The Bill will allow NCIS to mount mobile surveillance and follow certain criminals. There has been pressure both NCIS and the inspectorate about the current limitations

stricted to keeping a fixed watch on homes or businesses. It will also be able to use more sophisticated technical surveillance devices not currently available to NCIS.

The new technology group set up under the Bill is seen as a move towards a more coordinated approach by police to buying expensive equip-ment including radio systems. computers and other technology. It will also work on national projects such as computer networks and systems.

#### Officers to be given same legal leeway as MI5

#### **POLICE BUGGING**

A SENIOR High Court judge is to oversee new powers which will make it legal for police and Customs officers to break in and plant bugs in the homes of suspected criminals.

Proposals on the Police Bill published yesterday will give the investigators legal cover which MI5 already has and will provide a monitoring system via an independent commissioner Yesterday Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said current use of the break-ins had produced no evidence of abuse. But the proposals brought condemnation from Liberty, the civil rights group, which claimed that the police would be under less control than M15.

At the moment break-ins can be carried out on the authority of a senior police officer or Customs executive and must be logged. Details of the operations are kept by each force and are checked by a police inspector.

But police have no legal protection for their actions, trespass. MI5 officers can carry out the same operations providing they have a warrant from the Home Secretary.

Senior police have been urging similar protection and the Bill proposes that operations can be mounted by police forces, members of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the new national crime squad or Customs officers. The legalised bugging operations could be used against suspects under investigation for crimes which carry a prison sentence of at least three years for a first offence.

The operation would have to be agreed by a senior officer of ble rank. The operations would be authorised verbally for up to 15 days, or up to six months in writing, before they required renewal. A code of conduct is to be issued by the Home Office and an appeal court judge will be appointed by the Prime Minister as commissioner to review the use of the legislation and

#### New agency will make 8m checks a year for jobs

CRIMINAL RECORDS

EIGHT million checks on criminal records are expected to be made each year by a new agency created under the Bill to allow employers to vet job applicants.

Announcing the proposals for the agency Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, said the Bill would strike a fair balance between the rights of the individual and

At present police carry out checks on people working with children, taxi drivers and managers of residential homes for free. The Bill proposes three types of

Convictions involving prison sentences of 30 month less are currently regarded as spent" after a number of years. They will continue to earded as spent except for jobs involving children or other vulnerable people. certificate which willgive all convictions and cauions. It will be issued after

an application by an individ-

ual and a registered group such as a local authority: A third type will be issued after an "cubanced" check This will be for people who would have regular, unsupervised access to children, apjudges or magistrates. The bind-overs and material considered relevant by a senior

police officer. Fingerprint checks may be made on applicants for certificates. Penalties for trying to

attacked the proposals. Paul Cavadino, chairman of the ployers would refuse jobs to anvone with even a minor criminal record.

He said the plans for people working with children or other sensitive areas were reasonable if supported by a strict code of practice. But the Bill would allow any employer to ask for a certificate which made it an exces sively sweeping measure.

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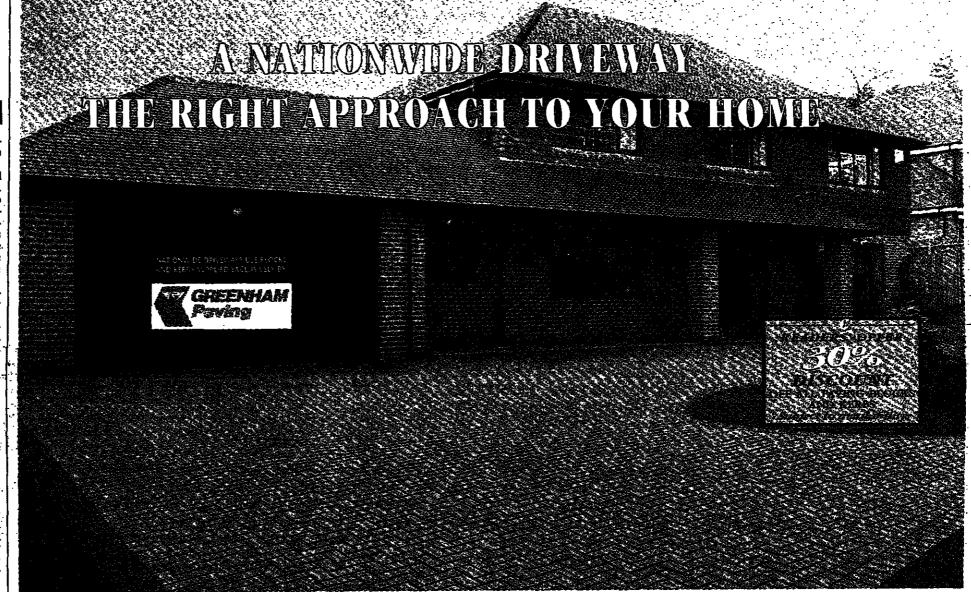
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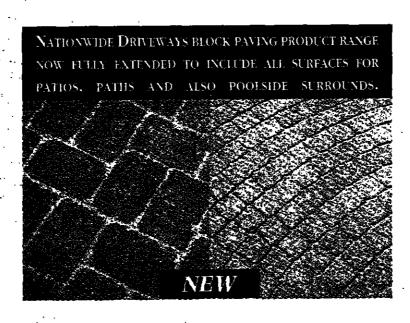
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#### City firms let the train take the strain on awayday outings to the city of culture and romance

# This year's office Christmas party is in Paris

FROM the end of November until Christmas, more than 100 groups from various City and South East companies are planning to hold their office Christmas parties in Paris

(Morag Preston writes).

Going on the "Eurobash", as it is fondly referred to at one company. is this year's exciting alternative, encompassing a lunch-time grande bouffe at a Paris restaurant. followed by light shopping or museum visiting, leaving time to catch the last Eurostar home just after Spm.

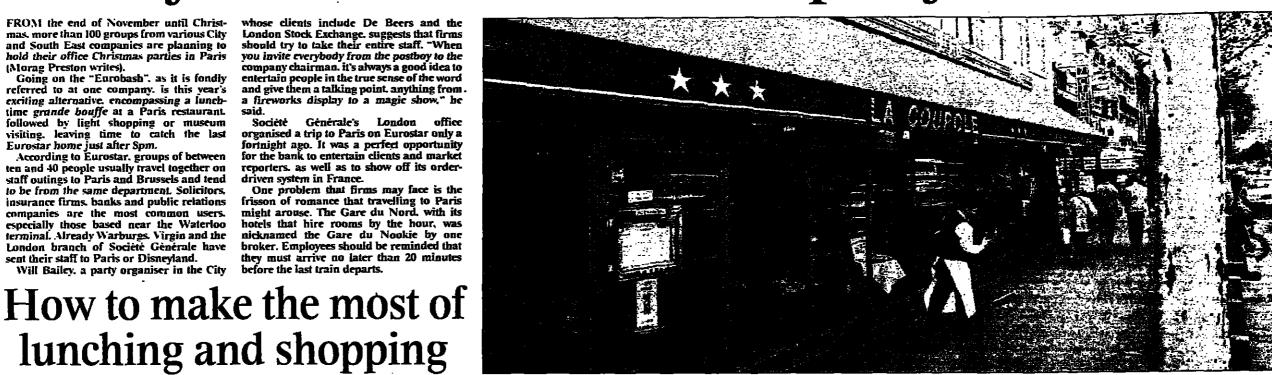
According to Eurostar, groups of between ten and 40 people usually travel together on staff outings to Paris and Brussels and tend to be from the same department. Solicitors. insurance firms, banks and public relations companies are the most common users. especially those based near the Waterloo terminal. Already Warburgs. Virgin and the London branch of Societe Genérale have

sent their staff to Paris or Disneyland. Will Bailey, a party organiser in the City

whose clients include De Beers and the London Stock Exchange, suggests that firms should try to take their entire staff. "When you invite everybody from the postboy to the company chairman, it's always a good idea to entertain people in the true sense of the word and give them a talking point, anything from. a fireworks display to a magic show," he

Société Générale's London organised a trip to Paris on Eurostar only a formight ago. It was a perfect opportunity for the bank to entertain clients and market reporters, as well as to show off its orderdriven system in France.

One problem that firms may face is the frisson of romance that travelling to Paris might arouse. The Gare du Nord, with its hotels that hire rooms by the hour, was nicknamed the Gare du Nookie by one broker. Employees should be reminded that they must arrive no later than 20 minutes



Brasseries such as La Coupole accept large parties without flinching - and the food is guaranteed to be free from turkey and stuffing

#### FROM KATE MUIR IN PARIS

lunching and shopping

TAKING 20 grown-ups to spend eight hours in Paris and the trimmings. requires military-style planning, so that tantrums are avoided and not a minute is wasted. Here are some of the

The centrepiece of the day has to be a long Christmas funch at a proper French brasserie. The big. old-fashioned brasseries, such as La Coupole and Bofinger, take bookings for large parties without flinching, have stunning decor and the food is always guaranteed to be excel-

since. It is cavernous and

boisterous, with a curious

rotating sculpture and pillars painted by Chagall and Branlent — and free from turkey cusi, among others. La Coupole in Montpar-

Lunch will cost about £25 a nasse is only 20 minutes from head with wine, but this includes choosing from a doz-en different kinds of oysters, the Gare du Nord on Mêtro line 4. so those taking a morning train (four hours fresh crab and giant prawns. there, two hours back because The waiters sprint past shoutof the time changej will be ing, holding trays of glasses perfectly timed for lunch. The high above their heads. After lunch, daytrippers can Art Deco brasserie opened in 1927 and has been the haunt of avoid post-party blues by split-Left Bank intellectuals ever

ting up, each to their own interests. Within walking distance of La Coupole are the

city catacombs, ideal for the young and strong-stomached. Intellectuals can worship at the grave of Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre in Montparnasse and carousers can continue touring the great cafés of Boulevard Montparnasse, such as the Select, the original Dome and La Closerie des Lilas, the site of much of Hemingway's The

Sun Also Rises and a favourite watering hole of F. Scott Fitzgerald, Lenin and Trotsky. Other brasseries worth

booking are Au Pied de but the food has gone downhill Cochon at Les Halles, anything owned by the Flo chain. and Brasserie Bofinger, an Art Nouveau gem by the Bastille. It has a stained glass dome. leather banquettes, murals

and good choucroute garni. For those starving as they leave the train, there is Terminus Nord, the fine 1925 brasserie across from the Gare du Nord. Avoid the famed Brasserie Lipp, except for an aperi-- the tiled decor and atmosphere are wonderful,

recently: the menu is uninspiring, the vegetables overcooked and the chicken undercooked. The brasseries, particularly

at Christmas, expect parties to

arrive on time. Lateness is punished by loss of table. For those not suited to the heavier end of French food. there are bargain lunchtime set menus in many of the Michelin-starred restaurants.

although such places are less likely to appreciate singing or silly toasts. Les Bookinistes, on the Left Bank, has a 130F three-course lunch menu. also available in English. The cultural aspect of the day-trip also requires planning: the Louvre closes on Tuesdays and the Musée

d'Orsay closes on Mondays. Queueing for the packed Picasso's Portraits exhibition at the Grand Palais might take up too much of the afternoon. Most of the Paris museums do, however, have late-opening nights: the Musee d'Orsay on Thursdays until 9.45pm. the Louvre until 9.45pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and for special exhibitions. The Pompidou Centre is closed for major refurbishment.

Full-scale Christmas shopping should not be attempted. The obvious targets are the *s*aieries Latayette Printemps department stores on Boulevard Haussmann, which are within ten minutes' walk of possibly the two best foodshops in the world: Fauchon and Hédiard at the Madeleine, each with their own restaurants and cafés. Both shops will create little Christmas hampers and

wrapped boxes. Fresh produce can easily be transported and the staff at the patisserie counter will advise on what travels best. At the cheese counter it is possible to ask for a soft reblochon or camembert which will peak in ripeness the day after, allowing for a warm three hours on the train and a night in the

For the seriously trendy, the clothes shops of the Marais should be investigated. On Mondays, much of the weekend Clignancourt fleamarket is still open. It is only 15 minutes by Métro from the centre and, aside from clothes, sells portable china, antique smartly in and out of Louis

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French grande dames trip

Vuitton, Nina Ricci, Chanel, Dior. Ungaro and Ines de la Fressange. They take lunch at the case in Joseph or on the Porthault linen at the Hotel Plaza Athénée.

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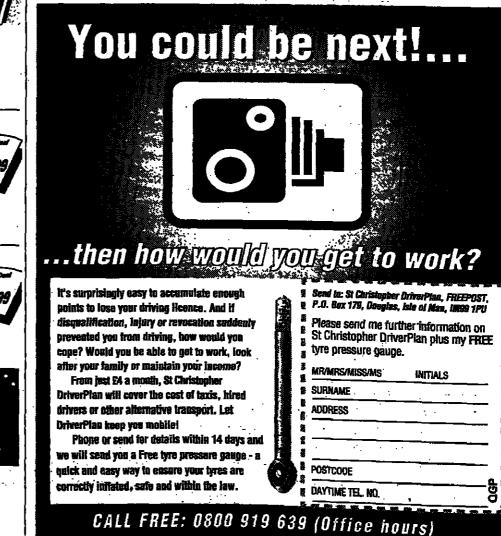
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#### Saudis are holding 40 suspects over US barracks blast

From Ian Brodie in Washington

ABOUT 40 suspects are under arrest for the terrorist bombing of an American barracks in Saudi Arabia. Officials there are convinced that the attack was backed by the Iranian Government, with some evidence also pointing to

Syrian involvement The findings could put pressure on Washington to retaliate. William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, has pledged that "appropriate action" will be taken against any nation found to have sponsored the attack. Iran had earlier denied any blame. The huge bomb, hidden in a petrol tanker, tore the front off a block of flats near Dhahran last June, killing 19 US servicemen. More than 200 people were injured by the explosion, which left a 35ftdeep crater.
The suspects, who include

The suspects, who include the man who drove the lorry and jumped into a getaway car, have been imprisoned for at least three months. One source told *The Washington Post*, which first reported the arrests, they could be executed within a few weeks.

The Saudi Government was said to have obtained confessions from several suspects implicating Iran as the instigator and sponsor of the attack. The alleged culprits

were described as Shia Muslims and members of Saudi Hezbollah, a nationalist group. It is related to the main Hezbollah, or Party of God, based in Lebanon with Iranian support for its terrorist

fraining.
Saudi officials have concluded that key parts of the bomb were assembled in the Bekaa Valley, in eastern Lebanon, which is under Syrian control. The Iranian Embassy in Damascus was said to have provided fake passports for the Saudi plotters, an arrangement that was probably known to Syrian officials.

A key Saudi plotter in the bombing was arrested in Syria several weeks ago at Saudi Arabia's request, but mysteriously died while in the custody of Syrian security forces, the Post said.

Serious friction continues between American investigators and their Saudi counterparts who have been extremely secretive. The FBI has not been given access to the tanker driver nor any of the others being held under arrest, despite repeated pleas by Louis Freeh, the Director of the FBI

The Saudis have not fully briefed Washington on their inquiries, apparently for two reasons. One was fear that the

Paris beef police turn up 'English burgers'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

have, and the second was a concern that President Clinton might upset Saudi Arabia's delicate balance with its neighbours by retaliating too hastily in the final days before the American presidential election

A FURIOUS "mad cow" row crupted in France yesterday after police claimed to have discovered more than 600fb of banned British beef at the Hard Rock Cafe in Paris.

Although the restaurant

Although the restaurant hotly denied the charges, fears of la viande anglaise (English meat) swept through the French media. The restaurant insisted that the beef was from Ireland, legally imported and was entirely safe for human consumption.

Paris health inspectors discovered the hamburger meat "with a stamp indicating an English origin" during a routine inspection at the American-style restaurant on the Boulevard Montmartre last Monday. The Hard Rock Cafe said that the Irish beef had merely passed through a processing centre in England dealing entirely with Irish products before being shipped to France.

Pierluigi Capello, director of the café, said all the necessary paperwork, including certificates of origin and export permits to prove that the meat was entirely legal, had been faxed to the Paris authorities. "The Hard Rock Café has favoured Irish meat for a long time now in all its European outlets because of its high quality," the company said in a statement.

But the Paris prefecture announced yesterday that legal moves to shut down the Hard Rock Cafe had been set in train due to "the grave risks to public health that could be created by this situation". The restaurant was ordered to provide original documents proving the origin of the beef within four days.

"There is no possibility that the city authorities will close us down." M Capello said yesterday as French television crews and journalists milled around the restaurant.

France led the worldwide ban on British beef last March, and sales of beef in France have since dropped by almost a third. After the amouncement this week that a second possible case of the new strain of Creutzfeldt-



The Hard Rock Café on Boulevard Montmartre in Paris which is at the centre of the "mad cow" row sparking "beef alert" headlines in French newspapers

Jakob disease had been identified in France, fears of catching it from eating infected beef have reached new

"Alert over banned beef" declared a headline across the front page of France-Soir newspaper last night, which gave a warning of "clandestine underground beef smuggling".

Jean Jarnet, head of veterinary services at Paris police headquarters, said: "This was British meat, minced, but we are in the process of carrying out analyses to determine whether or not there is brain

tissue in it."

A spokesman for the city's veterinary service said: "In June 1995, we already had problems of identification concerning food distributed by this food chain."

Paris has 90 veterinary agents responsible for policing 3,000 restaurants, 12,000 commercial establishments

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and 10,000 other food outlets. The London Fresh Burger Customers and tourists at the Company, a subsidiary of the Hard Rock Cafe appeared thoroughly bemused by the Acacia meat company based row yesterday, but many could be seen tucking into the in Suffolk, delivers half a ton of hamburgers to the Hard Rock Café in Paris every restaurant's staple fare of hamburger and chips while watching the music videos. week. A spokesman for the company insisted yesterday Robert Mallander, a British that the meat was entirely

Irish in origin.

Since the beef ban was imposed on March 2l, there has been only one significant case of illegal British beef in France when a company restaurant was found to have

Robert Mallander, a British technical writer living in Particular in Par

#### EU battle starts in Danish high court

FROM CHRIS FOLLETT
IN COPENHAGEN

MOVES began yesterday to mark out the field of battle for a constitutional fight which, according to legal experts, could force Denmark out of the European Union.

The initial procedural session at the Danish high court was adjourned without a ruling, which is expected next week. The case comes after II Danes filed a suit against Denmark's ratification of European Union treaties could contravene a clause in the constitution limiting how much sovereignty Copenhagen may cede to Brussels.

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The hearing must decide if the challengers' case should be limited to the EU's 1992 Maastricht accord, as government lawyers argue, or extend to the more comprehensive Treaty of Rome on which the organisation was founded and which Denmark signed when joining the then European Economic Community in 1973.

The Government insists
Denmark's accession to the
Maastrich treaty is in accordance with the Danish constitution. It was in August that
the Danish Supreme Court
surprised Danes and unnerved other EU members by
overturning a lower court's
refusal to allow the suit.

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The case could run into the autumn of 1998, with fears that it could prevent or delay Denmark from ratifying any EU reforms that emerge from the current intergovernmental conference on Europe's future, due to end next summer.

Denmark's threat to veto a joint European response to America's anti-Cuba trade laws, averted last Monday in Luxembourg by a compromise, is seen by analysts as an example of how the case is disrupting Union decision-making and forcing Danish politicians to treat with excessive caution any issue that can be seen as involving a surrender of national sovereignty.

Ultimately at stake in the case, expected to last at least two years, is whether Denmark can carry on as an EU member under existing terms or will have to choose between renegotiating membership and attempting to amend the constitution.

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# Milosevic looks for big poll victory to secure his future

By Dessa Trevisan and Our Foreign Staff

FEDERAL Yugoslavia goes to the polls tomorrow to choose a parliament in which Slobodan Milosevic needs an absolute majority of supporters if he is to be elected President when his mandate to rule Serbia expires next year.

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The Yugoslav electoral commission said yesterday that more than 70 foreign observers would monitor the elections. But the opposition coalition Zajedno (Together) has accused America and other Western opposities of

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supporting Mr Milosevic by hesitating to send monitors. Footage of Western diplomats visiting state-owned industrial symbols of the command economy has been shown on government-controlled television between prime-time election spots for President Milosevic's neo-Communist coalition. Richard Miles, US charge d'affaires,

has denied any interference.

Zajedno is fighting a neoCommunist bloc led by Mr

Missing and his wife, Mira

Markovic. Although the opposition is handicapped by the regime's monopoly of the electronic media, latest polls suggest a close contest. Mr Milosevic is predicting "a historic victory". But Vuk Draskovic, leader of the Serbian Renewal Party — the largest party in Zajedno — accuses Mr Milosevic and Ms Markovic of sowing hatred.

details would leak, as they

The Saudis were displeased when he launched cruise missiles against Iraq in Septem-

ber and refused to let American strike aircraft take

off from Saudi bases. Saudi

officials have privately ad-

vised senior American officials

that they want to participate in any decision on how to

The Pentagon declined to

comment on the report, saying

that as far as the United States

and Saudi Governments were

concerned the investigation was still going on. "US and Saudi law enforcement au-

thorities have been in close

contact at high levels from the

outset of the investigation,"

the Pentagon said in a state-

ment. It added: "FBI and

Saudi investigators have shared information."

In London, a Saudi dissi-

dent group, the Islamic Reform Movement, said 1,000

Sunni and Shia Muslim activ-

ists were arrested after the

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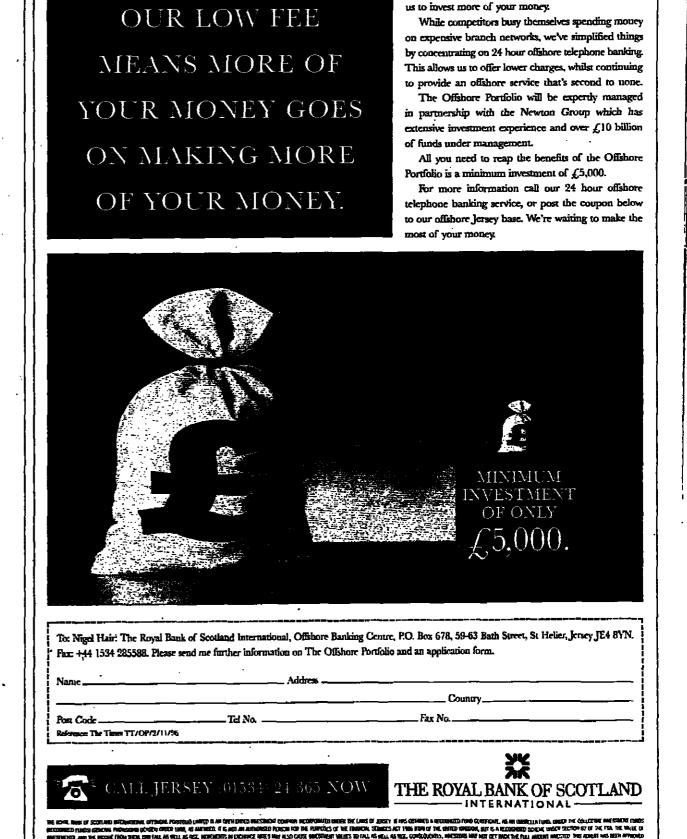
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# Afghans caught in crossfire of proxy warfare.

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

KABUL'S cemetery for foreigners is a monument to the risks of meddling in Afghanistan. A collection of broken. rough-hewn headstones from the Anglo-Afghan wars of 1838 and 1878 are propped against a wall: reminders of blunder and defeat.

Foreigners have been bloodied in Afghanistan for 2,500 years, and still they have not learnt their lesson. There has probably never been a greater clamour by foreign powers and commercial interests for influence in this broken-down country than now - not because Afghanistan matters. but because it is in the way of great prizes.

It was always a barrier in the middle of Asia, to be traversed and, if possible, subdued on the way to somewhere else - in the past, from Persia and Central Asia to India: now, to the ocean. Two dozen empires have risen and fallen in this busy traffic of invaders. Today's interference involves many countries and enormous firepower, supplied by foreigners buying influence

through proxy war. The four-and-a-half years of conflict since the communist Government fell have been fuelled more by outsiders than Afghans. The end of the Cold

Qarah Bagh: A Taleban jet carried out a raid near a village controlled by troops of the ousted Government as intermittent fighting continued on two fronts north of Kabul. The jet dropped three bombs near this village, about 15 miles north of the Afghan capi-tal, but they fell in a field and no one was hurt. (AFP)

War started a stampede of outside meddling. Pakistan wants trading access to Central Asia through Afghanistan: Conocal, a powerful Californian oil company, hungers to build a pipeline from the Central Asian oilfields to Karachi: America seeks to undermine Iran by the development of oil exploitation in

Central Asia via Afghanistan. The West hopes, naively, that Taleban's ethical pretensions will lead to curbs in heroin production - which has, in fact, risen substantially in the areas it controls in southern Afghanistan, according to the latest satellite pic-

tures of poppy output. Russia seeks to combat Taleban's Islamic fundamentalism by supporting its rivals. Iran, which promotes Shia

Muslim minority interests has brought together well-armed Shia parties to control the central provinces of Afghanistan. It trades with them generously and jealously, shutting out Sunni interests. Iran and Russia are probably providing arms to different enemies of Taleban.

The hardliners have little money for government but plenty for conquest - Saudi Arabian money, perhaps. Taleban conquered two thirds of Afghanistan not by invasion but by bribery, buying off rival commanders until it controlled everywhere but the north, which is beyond its Pashtun ethnic base. That is why its advance northwards has stalled. Saudi Arabia, America and Pakistan quietly wish it to win for their different reasons: Russia, Cen-

tral Asia and Iran do not. The people are xenophobic: invaders from Alexander the Great to the Russians taught them to be so. The mood towards foreigners can veer unpredictably between hospitality and hostility.

Taleban, its ideas drawn from extremist theologians in Pakistan and Arab countries, is as alien to Afghanistan as was the communist Government. Its rule cannot last.



Taleban militia members lay down their arms at Friday prayers in a Kabul mosque during a lull in fighting in the north of the Afghan capital

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#### New Israeli police unit to keep eye on settlers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

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The unit's formation was made public by Assistant In-spector-General Yossi Levy, the outgoing head of the Police Investigations Branch. In a series of interviews, he said that the atmosphere was ripe for formation of a Jewish underground similar to that which mounted terrorist attacks on prominent Palestinians in the 1980s.

The members of the radical Jewish Right, according to our capable of and planning to perpetrate outrageous acts and activities involving a severe disruption of public order," Mr Levy said. Yesterday's disclosure

about new moves to fight right-wing violence coincided with manslaughter charges in a Jerusalem court against Nahum Kurman, security chief of a Jewish settlement, in connection with the death of an 11-year-old Palestinian boy in the occupied West Bank this week. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 20

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#### Hotel escape

Paris: Miguel de la Madrid. President of Mexico from 1982 to 1988, escaped unburt after waking to find his curtains ablaze in a Toulouse hotel fire. Five people were hurt and ten rooms destroyed. (Reuter)

#### **Pulling strings**

Lagos: A state civilian militia in Nigeria has been armed with bows and arrows to combat violent crime. The Neighbourhood Watch also has horse whips, walkie-talkies and whistles. (AFP)

#### Colombo death

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Colombo: Sri Lanka's first executive president, Junius Jayewardene. 90, died of cancer. The state funeral will be on Monday, but the venue has yet to be announced.

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# Journalist cashes in

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

IT WAS the cliché-ridden love affair between the rags-toriches Mata Hari and the dapper diplomat. Six months later, the young Romanian journalist is set to make a tidy sum by revealing details of her relationship with the former Swiss Ambassador in Bucha-

Jean-Pierre Vettovaglia, the 50-year-old married envoy. was ordered back to Switzerland in April after his one-year affair with Floriana Jucan. 21, appeared on the front pages of the Romanian papers. Swiss its Romanian counterparts, been dropped. He is stuck with a desk job at the Swiss Foreign Ministry in Berne and is to be stripped of his diplo-

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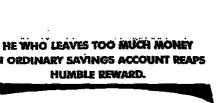
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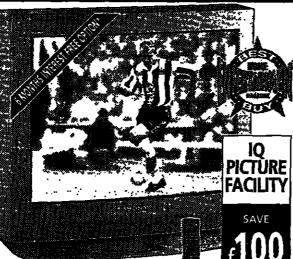
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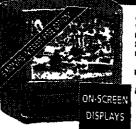
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# Ragtag army, ailing President and tribal war push wealthy Zaire into anarchy

# Civil Guan Tutsi revolt starts race for control of Central Africa

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

THE scramble is on for the heart of Africa. With President Mobutu languishing in Switzerland, a mass uprising of ethnic Tutsis in the east and the Zairean Army reeling in retreat, the race has begun for control of Zaire's fissiparous provinces, its turbulent tribes

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Eta bomb

and huge mineral wealth. Zaire is so vast, impenetra-ble and lacking in infrastructure that it scarely functions as a unified country. As Leon Kengo wa Dondo, the Prime Minister, said in London last week, there are more than 440 tribes in Zaire with almost as many languages. Control of a country the size of Western Europe by the Government in Kinshasa has always been weak; with President Mobutu now absent for more than six weeks and reportedly suffering from cancer, his Government is scarcely able to control the situation in the east or organise a military response by the ill-disciplined army.

Long pent-up resentment of Mr Mobutu's 31-year rule is uniting his opponents. Until now Mr Mobutu has played off his enemies against one

another, co-opting them with concessions and money. Diplomats in Kinshasa insist that the country is unlikely to break apart, as the landlocked provinces, without communications or proper links to the outside world, cannot function as independent states.

Nevertheless, central control has rarely been weaker or the state of the s

popular resentment stronger. Shaba, the copper-rich prov-ince in the south, is the former Katanga, whose declaration of independence under Moise Tshombe in June 1960 was the immediate cause of the Congo civil war that broke out shortly after independence from Belgium. Shaba, richer and better placed than other areas to cut its links with the West, is pushing for greater autonomy: Kivu, to the east, has been destabilised by the recent fighting; and Kasai has refused to adopt the new currency promulgated by President Mobutu in 1992.

Mr Mobutu holds a trump card: a vast personal fortune, estimated at between \$3 billion (£1.8 billion) and \$5 billion. Until the beginning of the

1990s he had the indirect backing of the West, especially of America, as he posed as a bulwark against communism in Africa, After the insurrec-tion in 1992, leading to riots in the capital, a bloody rampage by the army turned loose on the population, and the establishment of a parallel rival government, he has lost all outside support.

Mr Mobutu, manoeuvring

among rival forces, appointed Mr Kengo wa Dondo, a prominent lawyer, as a compromise, knowing that the Prime Minister was barred from challenging him for the presidency because his father had been Polish, and his mother half Rwandan Tutsi. Zaire's vast potential wealth

continues to attract Western interest and gives the country a strategic importance that underpins Western attempts to promote stability and development. Its main mineral exports are copper and cobalt, and although production has slumped in the past decade it still has huge untapped re-



Zaireans flaunt mock weapons as they drive around Kinshasa yesterday demanding tougher government action against the Tutsi rebels

also holds about 28 per cent of the world's cobalt reserves, and is the third largest producer of industrial rough diamonds after Australia and the former Soviet Union.

Zaire's armed forces number 30,000, under the command of General Eluki Mongo Aundu. The army has little offensive capacity and is The latest ethnic tensions in the east centre on the Banyamulenge. Tutsi cattleherders who migrated to the area two centuries ago. The Government recently disenfranchised the Banyamulenge and the pres-

ence of Rwandan Hutu extremists in refugee camps Kengo wa Dondo last week

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insisted that these people were now "stateless" and the problem had to be "solved" before the next election. His implicit warning helped to convince the Tutsis that they had little alternative but to take up arms against a possible new genocide from Hutus in alliance with the Zairean Army.

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From Sam Kiley in uvira, eastern zaire

GUARDED by a elderly pygmy in mismatched training shoes and a young Tutsi warrior in a smart camouflaged military flying suit, the leader of East Zaire's rebels overthrow President Mobutu of Zaire.

Laurent Kabila, the chair-man of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation (Congo-Zaire), said his organbases all over the country to drive Mr Mobutu from power. The alliance's forces have already taken one provincial capital, Bukavu, and they were yesterday reported to have captured Goma. 200 miles further north.

"Our aim is to take Kinshaand Gbadolite |Mr Mobutu's home village and site of his marble palacel," Mr Kabila said.

Unlike many of his fighters, Mr Kabila is a broad-faced Bantu rather than a finefeatured Tutsi, and he revealed a ready sense of humour at a meeting at his headquarters in Uvira, on Lake Tanganika. He trotted out the usual manifesto of African guerrillas about the need to overthrow the dictatorship, restore the national administration, and establish a transitional government feading to general elections".

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horrendous loss of life.

Many have betrayed these ideals over the past five years, but Mr Kabila seems genuine in his ambitions. "We don't kill people unnecessarily in this movement. We just want to restore Congo-Zaire. It is still a country, but the state has collapsed," he said.

Driving through a dozen abandoned refugee camps, which housed 220,000 Hutus from neighbouring Rwanda and Burundi, there was little evidence of the fighting that set off the exodus north. In one area they had clearly fled in a hurry, leaving burst bags of maize lying on the road. Occasionally one could detect the faint smell of rotting

Thousands of Zairean civilians who fled the fighting have begun returning to their villages and to the town of Uvira. Mr Kabila was anxious to make clear that his fighters were not dominated by Tutsis, who have been threatened with extermination by Bukavu's Governor. However, the overwhelming

majority were clearly Tutsis. Zaire's Government is convinced that the uprising in north and south Kivu is a Tutsi plot. Yesterday the Parliament demanded that diplomatic ties be broken with Uganda, Burundi and Rwanda, and said all ethnic forces should by "purged" from the armed forces.

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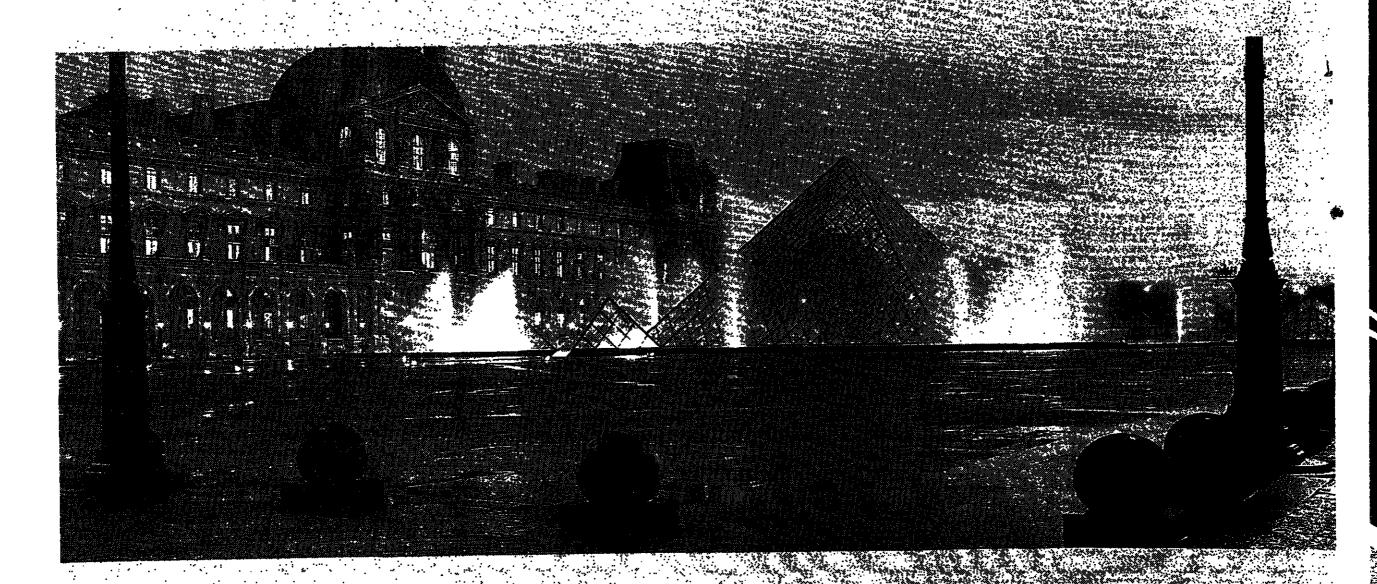
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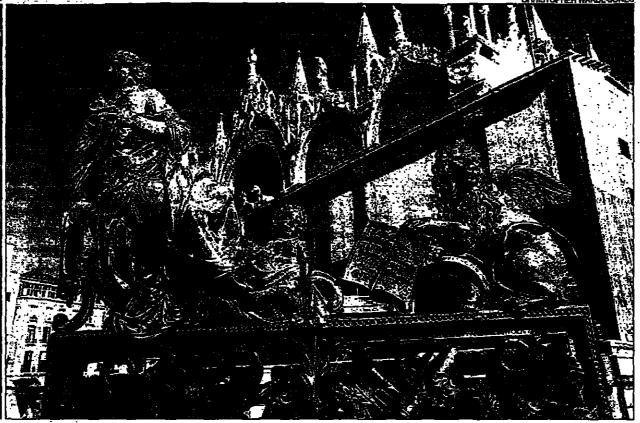
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St Mark's Square under water after the 1966 floods in Venice, and the gate in Sansovino's loggia, at the base of St Mark's belltower, after the loggia's restoration

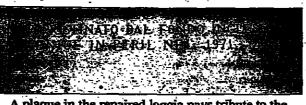
#### Exodus renews death threat to Venice

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN VENICE

VENICE is still in peril, 30 years after the floods that shocked the world and created an international movement to save the sinking city. But a debate is emerging

over whether foreign restora-tion funds should broaden their role to tackle a range of threats to La Serenissima, including not only floods and pollution but public housing projects to draw Venetians back into an increasingly depopulated city.

On Monday the British, American and other "Save Venice" committees meet to review progress into the 1966 devastation and chart the way forward. Some leading activists, such as Lady Hale of Venice in Peril, founded in 1971, believe the depopulation crisis is a priority. Venice in Peril has set aside £50,000 - a third of its total budget - to



A plaque in the repaired loggia pays tribute to the funding of the restoration by Venice in Peril

ject in a dilapidated part of the Giudecca island.

Venice now has only 70,000 residents, half its population of 30 years ago, and a fraction of its daily visitors.

This is "draining the city's life blood", says Lady Hale, the American wife of Sir John

Hale; the noted Renaissance scholar. The question is, should we just prop up monuns, or should we get involved in Venice as a living city? Some people get angry when I raise this because they don't want to face the fact that Venice is not just an idea, but

Other leading figures argue that supporting low-cost housing goes beyond the mandate of Venice in Peril, which emerged from the work of the Italian Art and Archives Rescue Fund set up in 1966 by Sir Ashley Clarke, the former British Ambassador to Italy.

Our remit is to restore works of art," says Lady Clarke, who succeeded her husband as president of Venice in Peril after his death in 1994. "Other matters like the declining population are, of course, very important, but not strictly our business."

much too far for us to worry about houses," said John Millerchip, who co-ordinates the work of Unesco and the 24 international funds. "Many Venetians are no longer willing to put up with the oddities of life on and around water. They want a 21st-century life. What we can do is help to regenerate the business environment so that people want

to move back." At his palazzo near the Rialto bridge and the Grand Canal, Alvise Zorzi, the Venetian historian, argues that, if the meteorological conditions of 1966 were repeated, "we would face the same disaster". The long-promised tidal barrier has been put on hold, he says, "because the city council cannot resolve all the intrigues and delays". He re-calls Lord Byron's prophetic

lines: "Oh Venice, Venice,

when thy marble walls are level with the waters there shall be a cry of nations o'er thy sunken halls."

The international committees spend £1 million a year on restoration, much of it raised by Save Venice Inc. the American fund. Eighty churches and nearly 1.000 works of art

The committees are also raising funds to help to restore La Fenice Opera House. destroyed by fire in January. Massimo Cacciari, the Mayor, has vowed to complete the

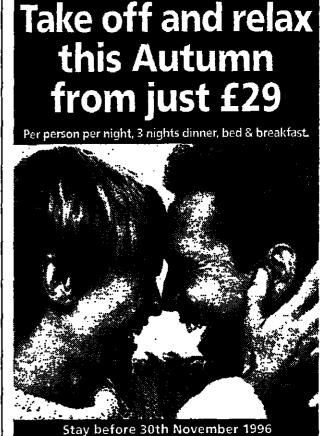
rebuilding by the end of 1999. But as fast as palaces and churches are restored, oil:ers fall down. A vivid example is the Church of Santa Maria Formosa, where Venice in Peril has unveiled the newly cleaned west façade, only to fence off the north façade because it is crumbling.

Viscount Norwich, the Venice in Peril chairman - better known as John Julius Norwich, the writer and broad caster -- agrees with Lady Hale that the threat to the future of Venice is no longer just "floods, subsidence and atmospheric pollution", but also embraces the depopulation crisis and "buge uncontrolled tourism".

He favours broadening the remit of Venice in Peril, but acknowledges that, while it is poor and modest", it cannot do much more than make a token gesture in the housing field. "We simply haven't got

that much money," he said. But Laurence Lovett, chairman of Save Venice Inc. said the American committee has "no interest whatever in getting involved in local politics in any way at all". At Unesco, Mr Millerchip

gave a warning against "colonialism". "We never got involved in flood control and we should not get involved in subsidised housing either. It is beyond our competence."



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#### Peril fund president honoured by city

BY RICHARD OWEN

LADY CLARKE vividly remembers the day in 1966 when the Venetian Lagoon, always a threat to Venice as well as the source of its ethereal beauty. rose nearly two metres above sea level, bursting through the doors of St Mark's Basilica.

She and her husband, Sir Ashley Clarke, the former British Ambassador to Italy, were enjoying retirement in London when Franco Zeffir-elli, the film director, phoned with a "desperate appeal to the British to do something". Thirty years on Lady Clarke

is receiving the Freedom of the City from Massimo Cacciari, its Mayor, for the "extraordinary contribution" she and her husband, who died in 1994, have made to saving a jewel of world culture. "Lady Frances to become a Venetian was the headline this week in the Gazzettino dei Venezia.

Simultaneously on Monday the restored Grimani Chapel in the Church of San Francesco della Vigna will be dedicated to Sir Ashley's memory. Those who have devoted their lives to Venice will relive the time when they "grabbed their wellingtons" and an-swered Signor Zeffirelli's call.

In 1969 Sir Ashley gave up his consultancies for Italian companies in Britain and sold his London house. The Clarkes moved into the Ca' Bonlini, a 17th-century palaz-20 in Dorso Duro, near the Accademia Bridge, where Lady Clarke still lives.

"Eighty per cent of the restoration projects are the responsibility of the Italian state." she said. But the strength of the fund "lies in our achievement in providing a living laboratory for stone cleaning and preservation methods, in a city of stone and water.

"Ashley always said the problems of Venice had to be tackled simultaneously, from chemical pollution and flood barriers to stone cleaning. But he also said that in the end our prime concern was for what Ruskin called the stones of



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#### Influx of 'bunny-huggers' threatens field sports in six states

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hunter, gave a weather-beaten squint high to the right, hissed an oath, and dropped smartly on to his belly. "Elk!" whis-

A short while earlier, Vince, 55, and his old friend Jim ing on last year's elk jerky and ning a pincer movement. Now eing the gurgle of the creek

**6** Cougars are now thriving and it's all thanks to

hunters 9 states. The places pinpointed by the anti-hunting lobby include previously red-clawed territories such as Colorado. nians migrating east in ever bigger numbers, and the gentrification of the once Wild West by genteel "bunny-huggers", the votes could go

expertly organised persecution of their very way of life. At

found himself amid an elk

the state legislature. About 50 per cent of local households survive on wild meat, but that number is dropping as more outsiders move in.

Ron Marcoux, of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. peered sorrowfully into his "middle-aged, single, vegetari-

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American field sports en-thusiasts have studied the hunting debate in Britain and hope to learn from what they They emphasise the classlessness of American hunting -



Elk hunters in the Midwest, who claim that their activities have helped to save several species from extinction

bustly democratic basis — and the fact that bunters' initiatives have probably saved the extinction. Orion, a hunters institute, was formed to propagate the ethics of the chase. Pos", 61, a former state wildand tours the country urging hunters to observe a rigorous code of conduct.

"In 1900 there were les than 41,000 elk left in the US. Now there are 950,000," Mr tracked a deer for five days and, on shooting it, claimed he had killed the last deer in that vests more than 40,000 deer a year. The mountain lion, or cougar, is the only wild cat in the world whose numbers have risen this century. It is now thriving." All, said "Pos",

The grandfather of American conservation was Theo-President, who would leave Washington for weeks to pursue bear, whitetail deer, wolf, and prongbuck. While Vice-President, Roosevelt killed a mountain lion with his bare hands. "Can't see Al Gore



The American elk population has increased this century from 41,000 to 950,000

doing that," said "Pos". Rooseelt, who hung antiers in the White House dining room, wrote that "whoever has hunted the elk, as he looks at his trophies, will always think of the great mountains with the snow lying on their sides; of the odorous breath of the pine branches; of tents pitched in open glades; of long walks through cool, open forests:

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and of great camp fires, where the pitchy stumps flame like giant torches in the darkness". It is hard to imagine such words flowing from the pen of President Clinton. So far neither of the two main political

Over a camp fire up in the Elkhorus, after the elk had

their lives, of their loves, and reflected on death - even the death of hunting. "Pos" said: "Will our grandchildren get to

#### Hollywood moguls cast Bard as the new Jane Austen

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

a British writer who died eons before the invention of the

With two versions of Richard III, a Twelfth Night and a raucous contemporary Romeo and Juliet on view for American audiences this weekend, "Shakesneare", as one overexcited headline said, "is the new Jane Austen".

Barely six months ago the actress Emma Thompson observed that Austen, with three novels on celluloid and a fourth in the pipeline, would be owed dizzying royalties were she alive today. As Hollywood begins rolling out next year's Oscar contenders it is the Bard's turn to be feted by Time magazine as a "natural-

born screenwriter". Whether Will would condone the latest adaptations of his work is another matter. Last night's new release, a version of Romeo and Juliet starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Clare Danes, has been called a "turbo-glam teen

Set in a gang-ridden Latin metropolis 400 years after the play was written, the generally well-reviewed film has its most famous love scene set in a floodlit swimming pool.

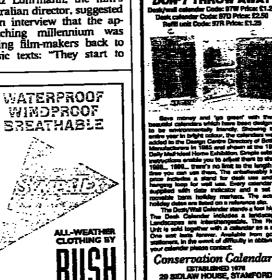
Baz Luhrmann, the film's Australian director, suggested in an interview that the approaching millennium was driving film-makers back to classic texts: "They start to

FOR the second time this year. look for those things that have say, 'What does it mean to us now?" " The answer, in Hollywood, is money. Planning for the current crop of Shakespeare films began when Kenneth Branagh's 1993 version of Much Ado About Nothing showed a healthy \$15 million (£10 million) profit on an \$8 million budget.

Trevor Nunn's Twelfth Night opens in America this weekend, and Al Pacino is already starring in a free-form called Looking for Richard, in as the king in armour and as for impromptu Shakespeare soliloquies.

The hunchback king can also be seen at select cinemas in America's oldest intact fea British Shakespearean Frederick Warde. The film was found in a private cellar this

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# Clinton pledges poll cash reform as scandal grows

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now, hoping to get through the

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ing that "there could be a

calamity afterwards". Mr

Perot predicted "a second Wa-

ergate" if Mr. Clinton were re-

Campaign reform advo-

cates expressed scepticism

about Mr Clinton's promise.

"Why should we believe him?," asked Ellen Miller, of

the Centre for Responsive Politics. She said: "He prom-

ised a thorough cleansing of

the system four years ago and then he stood idly by and

raised more money and in-curred more obligations than

Ann McBride, president of a

citizens' pressure group called

Common Cause, said Mr Clinton had to decide whether

he wanted to be remembered

as "the person who raised the

most soft money from the

wealthiest Americans or the

person who gave a voice back

to average citizens".

any candidate in history."

PRESIDENT CLINTON yes terday called for a comprehensive reform of America's discredited campaign finance laws in an attempt to contain a growing scandal over highly suspect Asian donations to his party that has begun to hurt him in the polls.

Mr Clinton's which was greeted with sceptiism, came as Janet Reno, the litorney General, ordered a preliminary investigation of those six-figure donations to determine whether there was sufficient evidence of criminal conduct to warrant a special

A Reuter poli suggested Mr Clinton's lead over Bob Dole had shrunk to just five points with four days left. A Washington Post survey gave the President a much more comfortable 16-point advantage, but it also suggested the race was finally starting to tighten and Ross Perot appears to be enjoying a late revival at the President's expense.

The Texas billionaire has for the first time reached double figures after seizing on the so-called "Indogate" scandal to deliver several blistering assaults on the President's ethics and Washington's com uption.

Addressing a huge seafront rally in Santa Barbara, Caliornia, Mr Clinton claimed his previous efforts to reform America's widely flouted camraign finance laws had been hwarted by Mr Dole and the



Republican Congress. He insisted the Democrats had "played by the rules" but said it was time to change those egulations to end the corrosive influence of big money in American politics. He specifically proposed a ban on all foreign contributions, but answered none of the questions about the Asian contributions.

These were mostly solicited by John Huang, a Democratic Party fundraiser, who is now in hiding. Neither the party nor the White House will say why Indonesian, South Korean and Taiwanese businessmen would want to contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to the President's party, what favours they received in return, and why a middleranking party official such as Mr Huang paid scores of visits to the White House this year and last. Contributions from foreigners not resident in America are also illegal.

Mr Dole accused the Clinton campaign of "stonewalling

# PRESIDENT CLINTON

President Clinton acknowledges supporters at a campaign rally in Phoenix, Arizona

#### Dole's last march makes do with reflected glories

FROM TOM RHODES IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

conquer the White House began like a military farewell in Ohio yesterday as Bob Dole, flanked by former Presi-dents Gerald Ford and George Bush, leaned heavily on America's past in a desperate at-

tempt to secure his future. First to the stage in Columbus was Mr Ford, a former naval officer, then Mr Bush, the youngest naval pilot to enlist in the Second World War, and finally the wounded infantryman who would be President of the United States.

Top Gun theme music blared through the small hall of Capital University, providing the most appropriate entrance for the former Presidents. Not, however, for Mr Dole, who stood almost embarrassed to one side, basking in the reflected glory of the Republican elder statesmen.

This was the starting point for '96 Victory Tour, the lastditch effort by the Dole campaign to gain a momentum that has eluded its candidate. Yesterday it was Ohio and Michigan. Last night Detroit,

THE final four-day mission to and then stops from New Jersey to Kentucky, Colorado to California, before voting 96 hours later on Tuesday in his home town of Russell, Kansas. There would be only short

stops and few meal breaks. Bob Dole may be 73, but the message from Columbus was that character alone had made him strong enough for the fight. It was his Longest Day and, however sceptical they appeared, his seniors were prepared to give their colleague a rousing send-off to confront the chasm in the polls between the Republican and President Clinton.

The theme enlisted by each speaker involved the integrity of Mr Dole versus the scandalridden Democratic White House. The recurring mantra? was the now daily revelations about how foreign nationals have helped to fund the Clinton campaign.

With his march across America, Mr Dole may have finally adopted the tactic of Mr Clinton, but few - the challenger apart — believe it more than a valedictory tour.

#### Mississippi death sparks violence

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were deployed on the streets of chief described the violence as

Stones, bottles and petrol bombs were thrown before a riot squad restored order. Shop fronts were destroyed. The dead driver, Aaron White, 38, was shot, apparently by a white policeman, after he left the scene of a traffic accident on October 17. Police

a television-repair business. was found yards from his vehicle in some bushes and an official pathologist said he had been hit by a .38 calibre slug. The police officer suspected of firing the shot was found to

Thursday, night to protest about his death, which they called a cover-up. The trouble

animals," he said. Police Chief Mike Dees said the rioters were "drug dealers and gang members" who were sumply

The unrest invited comparisons with a riot last week in St Petersburg, Florida. That also began after the death of a black moterist following a minor traffic infringement.

Mississippi town after unrest by youths following the death of a black motorist. Hundreds of police officers

Leland, a small town north of Jackson. The violence began in apparent protest at police involvement in the gunshot death of a black driver two weeks ago, but the local police casual lawlessness.

said a white officer fired a shot in the direction of the dead man's car after hearing a gun go off. White, the owner of

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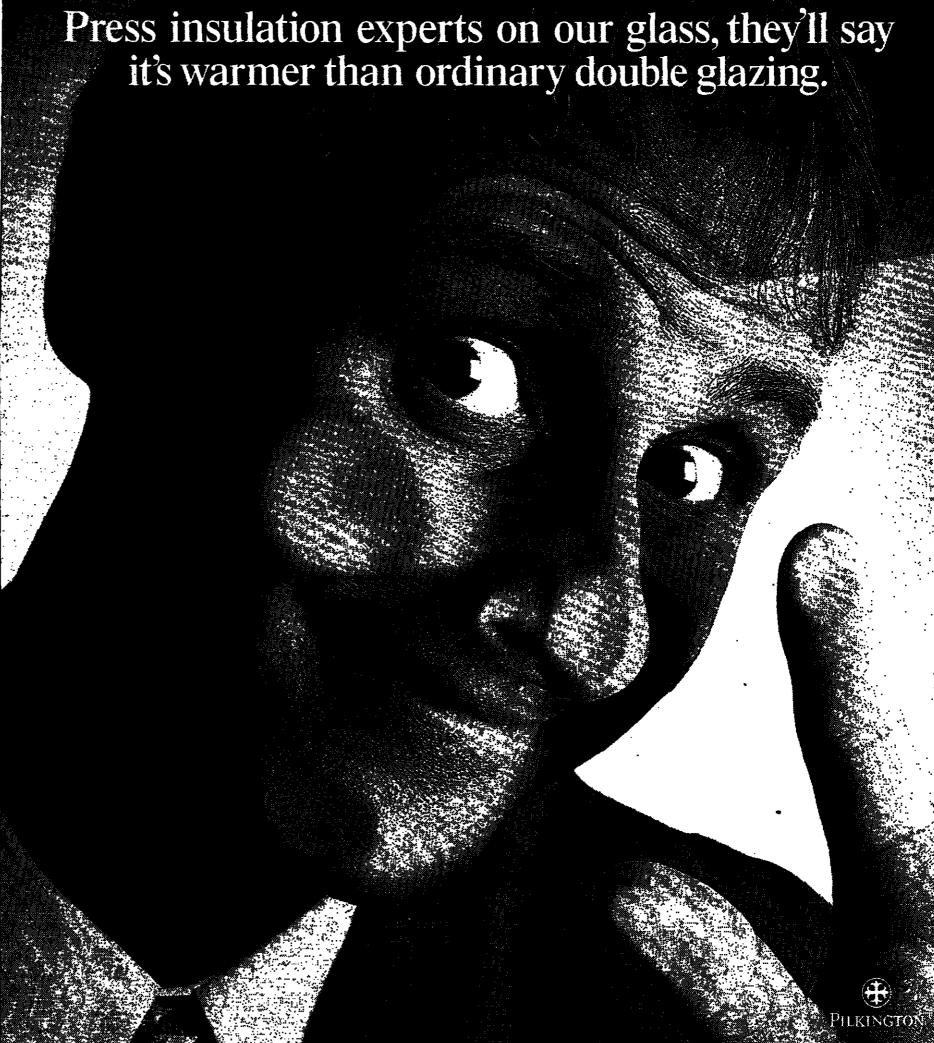
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#### Spin-doctor extraordinaire despairs at trying to sell caustic and brittle Juppé

#### Monsieur Media loses grip

EVERY Monday morning a short, bald man in a sharp suit slips into Jacques Chirac's office at the Elysée Palace for a private talk with the French President. On Tuesday afternoons, the same man is to be found at the Hôtel Matignon, the Prime Minister's office, huddled with Alain Juppé, On Thursday he

is back at the Elysee again.

He is Jacques Pilhan, political imagemaker and spin-doctor extraordinaire, one of the most powerful and least visible men in France. For 12 years M Pilhan, better known as "Monsieur Media", worked behind the scenes fashioning the public persona of President Mitterrand, When not burnishing the image of the Socialist leader. M Pilhan was busy blackening the name of his opponents,

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including M Chirac. It was, therefore, with surprise and no little resentment that the Gaullist faithful discovered M Pilhan had been appointed chief communications adviser to both M Chirac

and his Prime Minister.

A shadowy figure. M Pilhan is rarely seen in public and his views are seldom directly cited in the French media, but his spinning powers are legendary. M Pilhan however, has a problem. Moulding M Chirac for public consumption is

Calculator adds up to a loser

AS THE French Cabinet sat pondering with how much the government austerity

AS THE French Cabinet sat pondering the future of European monetary union this week. President Chirac had a brainwave: the way to convince the French of the benefits of a single currency, he declared, is to hand out millions of key-rings containing a special calculator that would convert francs into euros. Voters are more concerned with how much the government austerity drive before EMU is costing them now. The idea has met with a deafening silence but the President will not be put off. The tiny calculator, provisionally named Monette, should be "user-friendly, strong, easy to read for the short-sighted and widely available to the population", he enthused.

one thing — the President is a malleable personality of great charm who has at least five more years in office — but M Juppé is an altogether tougher proposition. Brittle, caustic and clever, the Prime Minister is simply "not the sort of communicator M Pilhan wants to have", an

adviser said. Last week it was revealed that the Elysée guru had presented the President with a stark assessment: M Juppe's record-breaking unpopularity was having a knock-on effect on his boss, he reportedly explained, and the President and the Prime Minister were sinking in the polls in tandem. Suddenly the question of M Juppe's possible replacement was out in the open. Instead of brushing aside the issue, M Chirac was asking advisers: "Who would you see replacing Juppe?"

M Pilhan. one way or the other, will surely be relieved of the impossible task of trying to make M Juppé into a popular leader before long. A cartoon in the satirical Le Canard Enchaîné this week had the President telephoning his spindoctor for a prescription. "Hello Pilhan, who would you see replacing Juppé?" he asks, whereupon Monsieur Media trots out the usual names. Then the President makes another call: "Hello Juppé, who would you see replacing Pilhan?"



Jacques Pilhan, among the most powerful and least visible men in France, thinks President Chirac should ditch Alain Juppé

#### Wellington kept costs from going through roof

THE Pompidou Centre is shutting most of its galleries to carry out renovation work, the Paris Opera has a vast hair-net to prevent bits of the wall flying off, the marble on the Grande Arche at La Defense is cracking and now another notable example of Paris architecture, the British Ambassador's residence, is

undergoing restoration.

But whereas the roof of the Hôtel de Charost has held strong for 274 years without needing attention, the Pompidou Centre, designed by British architect Lord Rogers, has lasted just 20 before requiring an overhaul—suggesting that the 18th-century builders may have known something that their modern counterparts do not.

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When the Duke of Wellington was shopping for a building in 1814 he was oftered a choice between the Hôtel de Charost, the massive Hôtel Crillon and the Elysée Palace itself. The canny duke selected the building on the Rue du Faubourg Saint Honore because it was already fully furnished by Pauline Borghese, Napoleon's sister. Latter-day Foreign Office bean-counters may also be pleased with the choice, since the ambassador's residence also has a rather smaller roof than that of the French President's.

Spain gets royal view of nature

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THE passion of princes for enclose and conservation, a

ecology and conservation, a phenomenon well known to contemporary Britons, will blaze on Spanish television from tomorrow with the start of a ten-part nature programme presented and directed by Crown Prince Felipe.

The 29-year-old heir to the throne has had little previous experience of either ecology or the art of television, but has immersed himself over the last two years in the making of the spries

Entitled La España Salvaje (Wild Spain), it aims to generate among Spaniards, a people who have often been accused of displaying a contemptuous attitude to the environment, "a better understanding of the needs and beauty of nature".

The ambitious series, which

cost £2.5 million to produce, is the first made in Spain starring a member of the Royal Family. It will show Prince Felipe in a variety of Spain's natural parks, expatiating on the eco-system, in conversation with wizened old shepherds, examining eagles' nests, and stalking brown bears with a camera.

Prince Felipe's television debut promises to be more felicitous than that of his father, King Juan Carlos, four years ago. The King appeared in a frank BBC television



Prince Felipe: a TV first

interview with Selina Scott and was thought by observers in Spain to have struck an altogether too relaxed equation with the British

☐ Ape date: Barcelona's acclaimed albino gorilla, the only one in the world, yester day celebrated 30 years of residence in the city's 200.

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Copito de Nieve, or Snow-flake, dined on a special basket of aubergines, cabbage, green peppers and bananas, a gift from the city's town hall.

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Taking advantage of a public holiday, hundreds of families visited Copito de Nieve, whose gifts included a oft-high birthday cake and a football signed by the players of the Barcelona football club.







OPINION

A dome too far. what's the point of marking the millennium with this expensive funfair?



THEATRE

Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman comes to the National with the superb Alun Armstrong THE



**MUSIC** 

Leonard Slatkin leads the Philharmonia through the First Symphony of Elgar



ON MONDAY

Thomas Allen's anniversary Don Giovanni at Covent Garden. and all the other top shows reviewed

hen I was a music stident a wise old tutor once interrupted my hambanana-fingered, turnipbrained attempts at keyboard improvisation with the damning comment "You know, a player who bashes the notes too loudly is usually over-compensating for a poor grasp of harmony."

Not strictly true, of course. Beethoven pounded the ivories so hard that he wrecked his piano, while Prokofiev and Rachmarinov - no strangers to the well-crafted cadence - had pinkies that could crush walnuts.

But my tutor's remark held a deeper truth. Big, grand gestures disguise small, feeble thoughts. Empty vessels make the most noise. Cream rises, but froth rises

higher. You get the idea.
Which brings us to the millennium. Big word, difficult to spell ... and, for the average British citizen, a topic that is about as gripping as a tour of Ukrainian laundries. Nevertheless, we appear to be planning a weird, year-long exhino — a thousand times no!

Triple-O. This giant party will be held on a bleak peninsula of contaminated land which the PR people call "Greenwich", though it is almost as far by (unbuilt) road from the Cutty Sark, geographically and culturally, as Brixton is from Buckingham Palace.

Cleaning up this long-standing blot on the Thames landscape has never struck the Great and the Good as a priority before. After all. it's a long way from Hampstead. But now they have barely 1,000 days left to prepare their 1,000-year celebration. And like the homeowner faced with a burst pipe, panic has induced a reckless suspension of normal financial judgment. Well, would you spend £500 million on a roof?

True, it's more than a roof - but then, it will probably end up being a lot more than £500 million. It

orition to celebrate the Big Two-Triple-O. This giant party will be the "world's biggest dome". It will house lots of amazing "time" shows, like ... well, details of "Milly World" arent quite available yet, but half a billion quid should buy a lot of clocks.

And of course this dome does come from the House of Richard Rogers, one of the "giants" of British architecture, What's more, the other "giant", Norman Foster. is designing the new Tube station for the site — which will. I'm told, be "bigger below ground than Wembley Stadium is above". Nat-urally. One would expect nothing less from a man who plans to add a modest little 96-storey "Millenni-um Tower" to the City of London skyline. London Underground will doubtless supply giant gaps between the trains, to match the scale

of everything else. Well, call me a killjoy if you like. But when I read yesterday's "wow,

IN THE ARTS

RICHARD MORRISON

you ain't seen nuffink yet" news reports I experienced two very queasy emotions. First, I felt trapped in some bizarre opera plot - perhaps one of the lesser Meyerbeers - in which preposter-

ous and incredible things happen but nobody minds because we accept that it's only make-believe. Well. if it is only make believe. could the fat lady hurry up and sing, please. Or will someone stop the show and let me get off?

Secondly. I recalled with a jolt what my totor had said, all those years ago. For what is this pointless £500 million dome if it isn't the monster equivalent of a musician making a lot of noise because he hasn't got a clue what the right harmony is? Does Rogers know what the Millennium Exhibition is supposed to be for? Do any of us? Do the big City cheeses who are being squeezed by the Heseltine heavies to hand over £150 million of their shareholders'

Perhaps they envisage a glorified trade fair: a chance to flex their fanciest logos in front of 12 million people. Fine. But do we want to celebrate 1.000 years of human achievement with a souped-up Ideal Home Exhibition under what looks like an overgrown saucer held up with chopsticks and strine?

As the music-hall ditty aptly puts it: "No, no - a thousand times no!". What probably started as an amusing dinner-party game ("I say, everyone; what sort of bash should we throw on New Year's Eve. 1999?") has turned into a waking nightmare.

It would be a national joke. except that it's not funny. If the millennium must be celebrated by profligate expenditure, the focus should surely be on the future: on the next century's citizens. Yet this is a country that currently cannot guarantee to give its children schooling; that is helpless to stop

drugs being hawked outside school gates; that has sold off playing-fields and disbanded music centres; that has allowed the once-robust fabric of voluntary youth organisations to wither to the point where teenagers have nothing to do on many estates except make trouble.

Pour £500 million into rectifying any of that, and you would have a millennium project worth shouting about. But this is also a country whose leaders appear expert only at passing the buck. Which is what this giant irrelevance in "Greenwich" amounts to: another exercise in dodging the issue. A vastly expensive funfair will be cobbled together because it's easier to do that for the millennium than attempt the more useful task of putting our Humpry-Dumpty nation together again. What a waste of a date that occurs only once in every 30 generations. We couldn't expect genius, but we could expect vision. Instead, we've been handed a

flying saucer of whimsy.

#### Modified pomp

AMONG American conductors Leonard Slatkin is one with a special affinity for English music, especially for Elgar, whose imposing First Symphony was the main work in the first of his two programmes with the Philharmonia. He favoured a seating plan for the strings that is unusual nowadays with cellos and basses to his left inside the first violins, and the second violins on the outside opposite them. To my ears it achieved a more immediate impression of the music's vertical range, not least in communicating the despair that suffuses what Elgar called the "massive hope" of

the first movement. Only the coarseness of the brass instruments marred the effect, and the playing throughout was markedly lesspolished than is customary from this orchestra. It added something of a snarl to the brisk second movement, and was less than pristine in the interplay of woodwind during the Adagio. The finale, however, achieved the requisite sense of grandeur.

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Before this, Stephen Kovacevich was a spirited soloist in the last of Mozart's piano concertos, K595 in B flat. He avoided any false note of elegy, and even imparted a touch of urgency to contrast with the orchestra's more casual approach. The pianist allowed himself

some discreet embellishment in the central Larghetto. which was entirely acceptable. and offered a jauntily elaborate cadenza in the finale. With generally crisp rhythms and a becoming elegance of woodwind playing that earned the players a special call at the end, it was the kind of performance that remained very much on the surface of

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# You'll buy his company

rthur Miller's stage directions ask for his Death of a Salesman to be set in a tiny, fragile house surrounded by a "solid vault of apartment houses". David Thacker and his designer, Fran Thompson. use the Lyttelton revolve rather differently. Dead centre is a tree whose branches are in full leaf, but whose trunk has been severed clean through.

Round it move bits and pieces from salesman Willy Loman's life: not only chairs, tables and beds, but the wonky refrigerator he bought because it was expensively advertised and the red Chevy in which he once swaggered through New England like Mr It is a fanciful way of

evoking 1940s Brooklyn, but

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Miller's directions also say the set should have "an air of the dream", and there is a purpose to it all. One of the play's main ideas is that nature — people, forests, everything — has been violated by the growth of cities. More specifically, Alun Armstrong's marvellous Loman has something of the broken elm or riven oak about him. The human potential is there, but it has been thwarted, damaged, left ungrown and unfulfilled.

The main reason Miller's play will remain a classic is that it speaks so powerfully of human waste. Willy Loman has been sucked and suckered into a world where reality and realism always take second, third and fourth place to muddled hopes of glory effortlessly achieved. Big ads guarantee a good fridge. Personality promises profes sional success. Backslapping noises mean lasting friendship. Dreams, fantasies and lies bring a sound future. With beliefs like those corroding Loman and his family, no wonder everything he touches

falls to pieces. The irony is that while his mind is enslaved by glitter, his heart is not. What Loman fundamentally values, and what gives him value, is his bond with his sons, especially

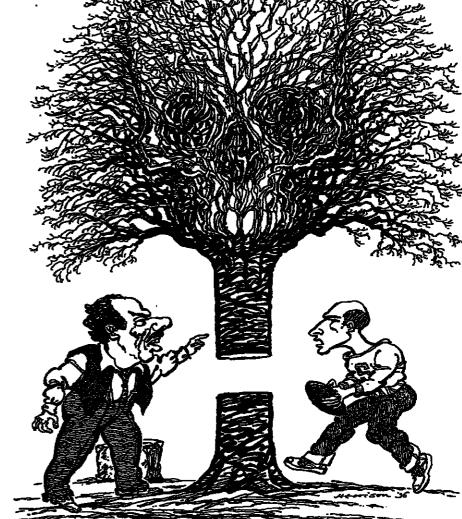
his is not lost on Armstrong. He may trudge onstage looking as shattered as a walrus that has survived a mauling by a ship's propeller. He may be edgy, anxious or bouncy, depending on whether he is mentally revisiting the past or beached in the present. But his finest scenes are those with Mark Strong's Biff.

Whether anger, elation or sheer bewilderment is paramount at the time, whether the two of them are yelling at each other or caught in a fumbling. forgiving embrace, you are always aware that the precipitating emotion is love.

That is as it should be; but then so is everything else in what will be remembered as one of Thacker's crispest, most lucid productions. Strong forcefully conveys the pain of facing out one's personal inadequacies, as well as the awful stress of making the likes of Loman acknowledge them.

Corey Johnson brings a nice mix of arrogance and unease to his younger brother, the glossy but insecure philanderer, Happy. Marjorie Yates adds what unsentimental grit she can to the role of Willy's improbably devoted wife, Linda, by common consent the least satisfactory character in

But mainly it is Armstrong's evening. He doesn't show us the cocky vulgarian who once



Alun Armstrong as Willy Loman and Mark Strong as Biff in Miller's masterpiece

Lyric Theatre Hammersmith

swapped dirty jokes with the buyers, as Warren Mitchell did, nor does he cheerily dance off to his suicide as if clinching a big deal with God, like Dustin Hoffman

But his performance embraces kindliness and desperation, weariness of soul and intensity of paternal devotion. His is as complete a salesman as I've seen.

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John Redwood proposes a Budget to help married couples battling to make a living while raising children and leading decent lives

he family is under pressure. By the family I mean the old-fashioned sort, those who court, wed and have children in that order: those who think that father and mother should create a home first and then stay together at least while the children are young and in need of their joint love and security: those who believe that, barring accident or illness, they should pay their own way and keep out of trouble.

Many families like these are finding it difficult. Some are cursed with no work, others with too much work. It can be a strain for a family to find there is no work for either mother or father. It can be a different kind of strain for both to have demanding jobs. For the one. there is never enough money to afford luxuries. Life is a juggle: can the new blazer and the school crip be afforded this month? For the other there is enough money for trips and toys but never enough time. Taking the buby to creche and the child to primary school through the peak hour traffic is just another thing on the list along with dropping the dry cleaning off and ensuring that the casserole is in the

# Fiscal props for family virtues

oven. I am not sure whether it is better for children to be short of parental cash or parental attention. Many parents cope heroically. Some low-income families make up for the lack of expensive treats with a great sense of fun and togetherness. They have the time to be attentive parents. Some hardwork-ing families make sure there is time in the day or at weekends to play and talk with their offspring, to pass on values and pleasures. Others cannot manage. Some families with two unemployed adults pass on a sense of hopelessness. unemployment cascades through the generations. Some busy families end up snarling at each other and seeing family

impossible hill to climb. Politicians cannot find all the answers to these problems. They are subjected to many of the same pressures. Offering solace, a sense of purpose or direction, may help.

relationships as just one more

But nor should the politician too readily assume the role of the preacher. He too is in a moral glass house and must be careful how he

casts his stones. Money is not the whole answer. but helping to solve the money problem for families is partly within the politician's gift. This coming Budget should be a Budget which puts the needs of families high on the list. The Prime Minister and the Chancellor have both told us that reform of capital taxes and reducing income tax are their priorities. I would urge them to spare a little as well to help the families of Britain that are under

The dignity and purpose of a family is increased if at least one of the parents has a job. Have a job and you have to get up in the morning and shave or put on your make-up. You have to mend the hole in the pocket, to have the tacket or dress cleaned. Taking some pride in yourself gives the family a lift. Bringing home a pay packet should help to improve the family's

I ask the Chancellor to make it easier for small businesses to expand. There are more than three million self-employed people in Britain. Many find the idea of registering for VAT, filling out National Insurance details and mastering the intricacies of Pay-As-You-Earn income tax too much to contemplate. They decide to stay small and not to take on their first employee. We should make it easier for them. Why not double the VAT threshold, so that a one-man business could become a two-man business without having to work some of the week for Customs and Excise? Why not offer a one or twoyear National Insurance holiday to any self-employed person hiring his first employee, if that person has been unemployed for more than six months? And could not

that first employee be responsible for his own income tax for the first year, while the business got used to its new size? If only one in ten of all the small businesses wanted to do this, it would make a big dent in the unemployed totals.

The Conservative Party has rightly stood against a minimum wage: not because we like low wages for some people, but because we know the choice for some is low wage or no wage.

he best path to a better-paid jub — the way most of us have trod — is from a less well-paid job. We should be clearer that we support a minimum income rather than a minimum wage. We use the tax and benefit system to make sure that those who earn less still have enough to live on. For those with no jobs, that means income support and housing benefit to take care of the essentials of life. For those on low incomes with family responsibilities, that means family credit to top up their wages so that it is

worthwhile working.
This Budget should look again at how worthwhile it is to work, to marry and to look after your own children. Was it wise to reduce the married couple's allowance? Is family credit set at a sufficient level to help low-income working fam-ilies? Cutting income tax rates and widening tax bands helps, but some special attention is needed to the plight of the low-income working family. I would like to see a decent increase in the married man's allowance to show that family policy means something, and a further improvement in family credit to help those who are trying to get back into the rhythm work to look after their families.

Would Benedict ever have become the married man in Much Ado about Nothing if Shake-speare's England had our tax and

benefit system? Would not he and Beatrice, with their quick minds and ready wits, have worked out that they would be better off without the wedding ceremony? The tax system must be such that it is always worthwhile working, and it is fully recognised that marriage and children bring their costs.

Is there money enough to do these things? Yes, there is. The present plans for public spending are far too generous. We need all that is planned for teachers, doctors, nurses, police and the Armed Forces, but there is much else besides that can be trimmed. More must be taken from the spending plans than is given back in tax reductions. The country must borrow less, as it has been borrowing too much. That will still leave some room to ease tax on families and make some progress towards the Government's aim of 20p-in-the pound income tax and no capital taxes. Measures to boost employ-ment will bring their own public spending savings. It is cheaper to top up someone's income or give them a tax break than to keep them on the dole. It is time to cut social security by reducing the need for it.

# Don't preach — just stick to the rules

Chanting Major's Little Red Book, the

National Forum's moral code for schools, is

no use: children need practical guidance

wo documents gaze up at me from my desk. Both are rules purporting to tell young people how to behave. One has reputedly been read by six million Americans and is this week top of the American bestseller list. The other would be binned were it not the product of the

Government's curriculum agency.

The first is called *The Rules*. It is a book aimed exclusively at women and subtitled Time-tested Secrets for Capturing the Heart of Mr Right". The cover is pure Barbara Cartland, with roses, ribbons and a huge engagement ring. It is old-fashioned and cunning. Women should forget feminist nostrums about even-handedness and acknowledge the man as predator and the

woman as hunted. meu up as pia hard to get" and "make him respect you". Rules include: Don't talk to a man first; Don't call him and rarely return his calls; Don't go Dutch on a date; Always end a phone call first: Always end the evening (or the morning) first: Don't accept a Saturday night

date after Wednesday (even if you are free). Out of humanity's crooked timber, said Immanuel Kant, no straight thing was ever made. But the huge appeal of The Rules lies in their specificity. Some are silly and some dangerously confusing - not least the

implication that when a woman says No she may after all mean Maybe. They require men to initiate everything and could thus lead to the extinction of the notoriously timid American

male. But whether The Rules are good, bad or obvious, American women appear frantic to have them. They are signing up to Rules seminars, Rules hotlines, Rules Anonymous. They have found a white stick with which to stumble down the nerve-racked path from first meeting to matrimony. If relationships no longer operate under the rules of parent or tribe, they must have another framework. Feminism did not work. Courtship is a ritual. Rituals must have rules.

Compare these rules with those ordered from the National Forum for Values by the British Government via its School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, published on Thursday. This corporatist mish-mash has no more reference to the quandaries facing the young than an 18th-century parsonical bromide. "We as individuals should try to understand our own character, strengths and

weaknesses," burbles the report. "We should strive for knowledge and wisdom throughout life. We should take responsibility for our own lives within our capacities." The Authority agrees some of this may be obvious. I would say it was meaningless.

A teenager worrying about whether to have sex on the second date, or split on a friend, or take an Ecstasy pill, or have an abortion, does not want to be told waffle. He or she wants to be told what to do.

The code's so-called "principles for action on relationships" are as follows: "We value others for themselves, not for what they have or what they can do for us, and we value these relationships as fundamental to our development and the good of the community. Within our relationships we should respect valued: earn loyalty, trust and confidence; work co-operatively with others; be mutually supportive; respect the beliefs, life, privacy and property of others."

These are mere feel-good nouns strung together by officials and signed off by 150 of the great and the good. Throw enough cooks into the kitchen and, sure enough, you will get spoilt broth. As for the intention that the

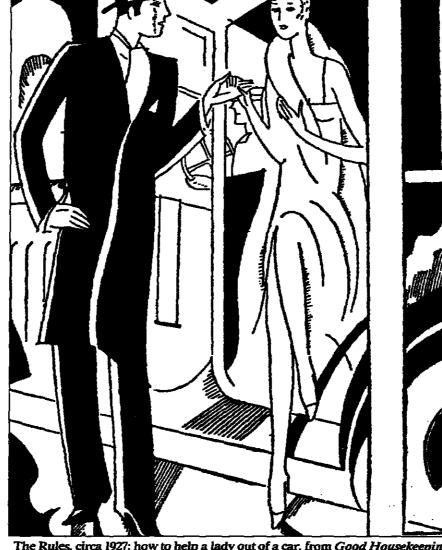
moral code might be "learnt by heart", modern Britain is surely not reduced to a land of children chanting Major's Little Red Book. The code is turgid and abstract. Even Mr Pecksniff would have balked at its vacuity.

If this is the best Whitehall can do, I should fall back on the Ten Command-

ments, the Boy Scout's Honour and the Highway Code. The Rules has been much ridiculed by

American men (and women), who spot the tricks and break out laughing. But its content is, to me, undeniably "moral". Its rules are rooted in a woman's expectation of selfrespect and desire for kindness. They set out rituals for social and sexual intercourse, in this case to protect women from the emotional turmoil of rejection. (Similar rules

might surely be written for men.) This is sound ethics. As Lord Clark wrote, at the heart of civilisation lies courtesy, "the ritual by which we avoid hurting other people's feelings by satisfying our own egos." The simplest rules for relationships, the pleases, the thank-yous, the sorrys, are the building blocks of human happiness and



The Rules, circa 1927: how to help a lady out of a car, from Good Housekeeping

"How-To" books cram the bestseller lists. Pedlars of rules are the new priesthood. They have inherited the mysteries not just of the Church but of the oracles of old. They are analysts, therapists, gurus and management consultants. They ask us what we want and tell us how to get it. Do you seek a million dollars, a perfect rose, a better sex life or just Mr Right? We cannot promise you your dreams. But follow our rules and we can at

least improve the odds. Some such books are rubbish. But like the conventions of a constitution or the rules of etiquette, they offer a framework for behaviour. The essence of The Rules is not their content, nor their mission "to find Mr Right", but their emphasis on behavioural discipline.

nlike the British code, they are controversial and tough. They seek to persuade, not just tell, young people how to postpone instant gratification for the sake of lasting happiness. Rules prioritise. They trade pleasures and pains, and for an explicit reason. They are the reinforcing bars of the

moral imperative. The one remotely specific conclusion of the British Forum proved too controversial for inclusion: the garbled statement that "marriage and parenting successfully undertaken are very creative of good values in adults and

The report decided to "avoid the M-word" and opted for the banal, "We support families in raising children and caring for

The report's sponsor, Nick Tate of the

Curriculum Authority, was left pleading that he rejected as a lie the thesis that "all morality is relative and that all we can do is agree or disagree". The Forum itself put it differently. They "presumed no consensus on the source or application of their principles, which I

take to mean that we may indeed disagree. The trouble with such abstraction is that it soon crumbles to the touch. As the philosopher Jonathan Glover says in his admirable guide to everyday morality, Causing Death and Saving Lives, the essence of moral choices is that we do argue about them, and argue about their fundamentals. The reason is that "some people think of morality as a set of rules laid down by God", while others feel the rules are there to avoid conflict or to maximise happiness.

Different sources of authority can lead to different conclusions. Some may hold homosexuality, divorce and abortion to be inherently immoral. I disagree with them. We appeal not to the Almighty but to the ballot

I cannot say whether The Rules are "right or wrong". Their virtue is that they declare their objective - a stable marriage - and suggest practical rules for achieving it. This is morality you can use. Perhaps the market should be the final judge. If ministers will not leave the codification of the courtesies, rituals and formalities of youthful behaviour to parsons, parents and teachers, at least let them choose between gurus.

If Gillian Shephard thinks she can sell her "good values guide" to the public, let her do so on the bookshop shelf. Set it alongside The Rules and see which sells more.

#### Hallowe'en: treat or trick?

A penny for the Guy but none for devil-worship, says Quentin Letts

n Britain and the United States, this is a spiritually bankrupt time of year. In America, the plastic skeletons and grimning pumpkins are being tidied away after Hallowe'en, that annual dance with the devil which has become a ritual of juvenile terrorism.

In Britain, a nation builds its bonfires to burn the effigy of Guy Fawkes, the well-to-do Protestant who converted to Roman Catholicism, became a mercenary and got mixed up in Catesby's gunpowder plot. As the flames lick around the Guy's feet on Tuesday, up will go the bloodcurdling cheer: "Let 'im

On Thursday, in Helena, Montana, the entire town was throwing itself into Hallowe'en. Adults, most of them churchgoing people, walked the streets in harlequin tights and death-skull masks. At the state library, the information desk was staffed by a vampire while an orange-suited ghoul saw to the stacking. At a nearby coffee shop, the waiter was clad as a

It was my third Hallowe'en stateside but none the easier for that. The ghost tried to make a joke but laughter failed me. We English have a curious aversion to fancy dress (unless it is ermine) and we tend to view people in costume as fools.

The modern American parent normally fusses over "Junior" without cease. Yet an entire nation happily sends its young off trick-or-treating, blithely indifferent to the hideous background to it all. Trick or treat is a poisonous little process. Children knock on doors and demand sweets or money. If the stranger refuses, the little ones will sneer, blow raspberries, dellate bicycle tyres or fashion some similar act of petty vandalism.

It is all held to be a great joke and American families spend happy hours preparing their costumes. Perhaps the next time a terrorist group wants to screw some concession out of Uncle Sam by placing a bomb under the World Trade Centre, it should simply send the communiqué: "Trick or Treat". Pay up or we detonate.

Hallowe'en arrived in North America with the Irish and Scottish immigrants. It was, by low belief, the night the Antichrist held sway. when pixies, imps and elves called roadside assemblies and witches flew on broomsticks, collecting for unstilled spirits as they travelled from door to door. The Scottish tradition was to surround the

Hallowe'en bonfire with a circular trench, symbolic of the sun. Toothless peasants cackled in delight. Villagers ransacked their threadbare larders to produce food for the memory of the dead, believing that it would soothe troubled souls. The hot fistfuls of sweets that are handed over to today's children are a relic of those antique fears and foolishness

in AD 998, St Odilo of Cluny. perceiving the need for some sort of autumnal salute to the fallen but realising that the pixies had to go, introduced All Souls' Day on November 2. It did without the jack-o'-lanterns and there was none of the fertility dancing or entrailgazing of the old ways. The rites of Hallowe'en were condemned by Popes as sorcery, druidic traditions that addled minds and corrupted youth.

In Britain, come 1606, we switched to Guy Fawkes Day. It was not possible to have two bonfires in the same week - with winter looming, it was an irresponsible use of wood — and the authorities seemed happier to see **t**. the people celebrate the anniversary of Caresby and Co's collaring than some vestige of the Celtic New

There has been, in recent years, an effort to persuade L Britain to reconsider its dropping of Hallowe'en. The greetings-card industry has done its bit. as have candlestick-makers, matchstick-makers, pumpkin farmers, confectioners and the people who manufacture luminous paint. Hallowe'en has great commercial potential. There is also, perhaps, an element of "wannabe-Americanism" and the slack desire of modern Britons to have another excuse for a party. But commercialism and hedonism should not obscure the ugly roots of this pagan celebration.

St Odilo of Cluny was probably right: we do need an autumnal feast day, something to keep us going between Rogation Sunday and Christmas - or, in Ninetiesspeak, between the autumn and January sales. In these heathen times, alas, All Souls' Day goes ignored, and so it becomes a tossup between Guy Fawkes Day and Hallowe'en. My call goes to Guy Fawkes. Parliament was saved, Fawkes himself displayed courage in death, and the name of the devil is not invoked. It is a very British occasion and furthermore, there is no need to dress up.

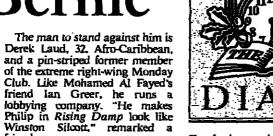
Hallowe'en can go to the devil.

#### After Bernie

LABOUR is unimpressed by the Tory party's latest tactic to oust Bernie Grant, tribal chieftan manque and Labour MP for Tottenham. Local Conservatives have elected a black candidate to stand against Grant, who dresses in full African regalia at the flick of a zebra's tail and has enjoyed numerous working visits to the Caribbean on behalf of his constituency.



Bernie: full splendour



Gresford, was introduced in the Bernie, he says, deserves a House of Lords on Tuesday, as a former president of the Welsh "bloody good hiding. He cannot be Liberal Democrats he was deter-mined to prove his credentials as a taken seriously in today's society: he relies entirely on old-style class rhetoric. He has made very little Welshman. So he recited the Oath impact as MP for Tottenham, of Allegiance in Welsh, to stifled partly because of his penchant for foreign travel." yawns and shuffling feet. "Taking an interminable time about it,"

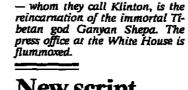
"And it's not the colour of your complained one peer. Shortly afterwards the Welsh skin that's important," he adds, Labour peer, Lord Cledwyn of "but the passion of your heart." Penrhos, approached Lord Thomas and uttered a few fluent phrases of Grant's office remarks that its man enjoyed a huge majority in greeting to him in the same tongue. 1992 and dismisses the challenge. "It's a shame they don't put black But his blank look revealed that he candidates in winnable seats." hadn't understood a word. Some

Tongue tied

WHEN THE new Liberal Demo-

grat peer. Lord Thomas of

 President Clinton is not only the most powerful man in the Western world, he is also a god. Monks in Lhasa, Tibet, believe the President



#### New script

LIFE as one of the greatest living playwrights will never be enough for a man as questing as Tom Stoppard, as he revealed earlier this week at the 50th birthday party for his fellow playwright and direc-

tor Simon Gray. Chatting to his neighbour, a Foreign Office hack, at dinner, he said: "I always wanted to be a diplomat but somehow it never happened." Too bad he had to settle for writing.

Bitter ale BEER-drinking republicans are toasting Diana, Princess of Wales's successful visit to Australia with a brew called Royal Divorce. It's a two-bottle affair, one featuring a jug-cared Prince of Wales on the label; the other with Diana gazing wistfully at him.

The bottles of "embittered ale". all but sold out and produced by Buffy's Brewery near Diss in Norfolk, are said to pack a punch and

taste "throaty" - whatever that may mean. Competition on this beery, celebrity theme comes from the Great Stour brewery in Canter-bury, which has produced beer bottles in a three-pack featuring our political leaders: John's Judicious Juice, Tony's Trustworthy Tipple and Paddy's Proportional Pint. The taste, one may assume, is pretty

● The fun has stopped in Maidstone prison for Reggie Kray, gangland killer and murderer of Jack The Hat McVitie. After adopting



'What a load of wimps!'.

the name "Crazy Horse", and building up a collection of American Indian memorabilia, he was spotted wearing an Indian head-dress in the prison corridors. This was too much, and the authorities have confiscated, for safe-keeping. his bone breastplates, peacepipes and remaining paraphernalia.

#### Major draw

An auction of celebrity doodles conducted by Lord Archer on Thurs-day night to raise money for UNICEF bore little correlation with the opinion polls or, indeed, artistic merit. Paddy Ashdown's drawing went for £125. Tony Blair's Balir's for £250. And John Major's, a fine line drawing of Humphrey the Downing Street Cat on the steps of Number 10, sold for £600.

#### Hot mews

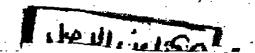
HAPPY royal news comes from Lady Helen Windsor and her husband, the art dealer Tim Taylor. Taylor is opening his own gallery in a mews house in Bruton Place, London. Since leaving Leslie Waddington 15 months ago he has operated as a private dealer; now he wants his own shop. Taylor's move



Taylor-made couple

comes after a profitable year in which he has traded in works by Picasso, Leger, Francis Bacon and Howard Hodgkin — many of them in the £300,000 range.

To complete the improbably perfect picture of professional and family bliss, Lady Helen will be supervising an exhibition programme which will be launched next spring. The Duchess of York may care to take notes.





#### AFRICA'S BLACK HOLE

Cruelty, kleptocracy and 'affirmative shopping'

Zaire and its wretched African neighbours are all but at war, confronting the world not only with another human disaster but with the prospect that Zaire, the second largest country in black Africa, may finally disintegrate. The proximate cause is yet another outbreak of ethnic persecution of the Tutsi peoples scattered all over the African Great Lakes region. The deeper cause is three decades of corrupt despotism and chronic maladministration in Zaire, a land which has diced with anarchy ever since its first days of independence in 1960 Roughly but respectfully translated, the grandiose name chosen by President Mobutu Sese Seko Kuku Ngbendu Wa Za Banga means the-allconquering-who-leaves-fire-in-his-wake. Having looted Zaire for 31 years, he is now far away in Lausanne, probably dying. He has cronies, mainly in the military, but by deliberate design he has no successor.

The Banyamulenge Tutsi inhabiting the hills along Zaire's borders with Rwanda and Burundi have been treated almost as rebels since 1981, when they were deprived of Zairean citizenship. That is what they have finally declared themselves to be, taking up arms in response to a disgraceful Zairean ultimatum to them to choose between death and expulsion. They are routing the rabble that passes for the Zairean army, along with the Rwandan Hutu militias in exile who joined the pogrom. Nearly a million mainly Hutu Rwandan refugees have fled in panic, many of them deeper into Zaire and the

thick of a brutal succession struggle. The West should resist the temptation to blame itself. Certainly, colonial frontiers were drawn that took no account of ethnicity. But this is hindsight made deceptively simple; Zaire contains some 300 ethnic groups, so just where should lines have been drawn? Closer to the mark is the bleak prospectus set out 35 years ago by a young Algerian radical, Frantz Fanon, in The Wretched of the Earth.

The book became the bible of Westerners consumed by post-colonial guilt. But far more people read the preface by Jean-Paul Sartre, decrying Western culture as "a tissue of lies" and an excuse for colonial pillage,

than Fanon's own prophecy for his fellow-Africans. He foresaw the betrayal of their dreams at independence by a new kleptocratic elite. The fathers of independence, he predicted, would fill their pockets and those of their cronies, becoming presidents not so much of their country as of a "company of profiteers" out to milk it dry. So thoroughly did first-generation African rulers prove Fanon right that it is only now that younger

men are reversing their malignant legacy.

President Mobutu, who has been at the job for 31 years, looted his huge and hugely rich country more systematically than most. Gambling successfully that Cold War concerns would shield him from Western sanctions, he seized 1,500 businesses in the name of authenticité and let his cronies bankrupt them. He left 90 per cent of the few roads that the Belgians built to revert to jungle. Zaire today is as lawless as it is destitute. Looting, particularly by the military, is so much a way of life that the locals call it "affirmative shopping". Inflation is 7,000 per cent, foreign reserves (discounting the President's vast foreign bank accounts) are exhausted. Survival is mainly by subsis-

tence. Kinshasa is held in angry contempt.
It may be that salvation for this vast land may eventually lie in the autonomy which Shaba (ex-Katanga, the source of the trouble in 1960) and diamond-rich Kasai already exercise de facto and which the Tutsi rebels in the east are grabbing by armed force. But getting rid of dictators can be even riskier than living under them. For fear of worse, even the President's foes are praying that he

lives long enough to broker a transition. Meantime, Zaire is a black hole in the heart of Africa, capable of sucking the chronically unstable countries on its borders into the death-agony of its succession struggle. Rwandan troops entered the Zairean town of Goma yesterday. To limit human suffering, the West must find better ways than those it tried after the 1994 Rwandan genocide. First it must try to prevent a regional war. Time is short, the chances slim. Fear of catching the Zaire disease may be the only thing that diplomacy can play upon. In Africa's hateconsumed heart, it is not much of a lever.

#### FREEDOM AND ORDER

Howard is right to resist a blanket ban on handguns

clarity but the support of the police rank and ensure a gun does not go astray but the Bill file, of the Opposition parties outside Ulster and of those most powerfully affected by the Dunblane killings. A blanket ban would certainly be easier to enforce than any exemptions. Nevertheless, the Government is right, for practical and principled reasons, to resist the pressure for prohibition.

Few politicians have made the protection of the public as salient a priority as Michael Howard. But the Home Secretary has. recognised that the Government has to balance providing security for citizens with permitting a legitimate sporting activity to continue. Mr Howard's Firearms Bill demonstrates a commitment to protection first. It will, if passed, give Britain some of the tightest restrictions on gun ownership in the world. But it will also allow genuine enthusiasts, under stringent conditions, to continue with their traditional sport.

The Bill would ban all handguns above .22 calibre, insist even they were stored in clubs and make the acquisition of a firearms licence far more difficult. Guns of that calibre are used by the serious sportsmen who compete in the Olympics. Such weapons can certainly kill, but they do not exercise the same fascination for the inadequate as more powerful weapons.

Like shotguns and stalking rifles, the .22 calibre pistol is primarily used by those whose interest is in enjoying sport on

Simple solutions can often be the best. A ban traditional lines, not flourishing ugly artilon all handguns has not only the merit of lery. No store can ever be secure enough to specifies strict conditions for clubs which should minimise the risk. If an individual wishes to take a gun from a club to shoot in a competition it will have to be carried by a third party licensed by the police for that purpose. A determined individual could find a way round the restrictions, but anyone intent on acquiring a weapon and prepared to break the law can already find themselves a gun in most cities with an organised criminal presence. If the Bill were enacted, gun clubs would be only the last resort for criminals who wanted a firearm.

Some advocates of shooters' rights have opposed an absolute ban on the basis that prohibition would drive legitimate sportsmen underground. It is a poor commentary on the peaceable souls the gun lobby claim to speak for that they would break the law if denied their sport. If shooters really are that irresponsible, then that seems an argument in favour of denying them any weaponry, not indulging them. Shooters should be allowed to continue their activities in controlled conditions not because the State fears their defiance but because it wishes to maximise freedom consistent with order. Mr Howard has been caricatured in the past as a thoughtless populist. His approach to the Firearms Bill demonstrates a willingness to balance liberty and coercion, public pressure and policy detail.

#### **HOOKER'S REMINDER**

A great Anglican thinker speaks to this century

This weekend marks a pause for breath in the public debate over morality and the anniversary of the death of the 16th-century Anglican, Richard Hooker: it is an appropriate coincidence. Hooker has faded a little from public view, but his work has something to say to Britain's debate with itself over moral standards. Hooker stood up, throughout his life and most trenchantly in The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity, for the importance of moral reasoning when it was under threat from the emotional certainties of Puritan theology. Moral thought seems to

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require defenders in every age. When Hooker was alive, the established Catholic Church suffered from decayed spiritual authority. The old social structure built by medieval feudalism was still dissolving and social bonds were weakening. The most powerful trends of the day worked against reasoning in religion. The Catholic Church relied on the authority of the institution and its past. Puritans proclaimed the Bible's revealed truth and the importance of faith which relied neither on reason nor on the State. Many of those dispates are long since dead but the mood of Hooker's time echoes in today's troubled society. His overall approach, rather than his detailed arguments on the controversies

of his own day, speaks to today. Hooker fashioned one of the planks of Anglicanism from a creative compromise which was instantly and predictably attacked for its failure to be uncompromising.

He wanted to reconcile the demands of divine law and the State, and he sought to rest belief on a three-cornered foundation: scripture, faith and reason. Even Christ used to argue, Hooker wrote: "there is as yet no way known how to dispute or to determine of things disputed without the use of natural reason". Far from being a split-thedifference middle way, this is - or should be the most exhibarating challenge to politicians and commentators trying to fashion new codes, rules and frameworks.

Moral behaviour involves an element of choice. Several routes to the right choice exist, but neither blind faith nor blind obedience have much force in today's world. What was so distinctive about the manifesto launched by Frances Lawrence was that her arguments were not merely a cry from the heart. She issued an invitation to reason solutions, to rethink standards of behaviour and to persuade. What we may believe or

feel matters, but what we know matters too. The quality of public argument and debate is important in itself: It is nonsensical to tell churchmen to "stay out of politics". since politics involves moral choices. By the same token, poor political arguments from the clergy deserve hard-headed criticism like bad political reasoning from anybody else. Today's moral campaigners should try to earn the tribute paid by Pope Clement VIII, who said of Hooker's work: "It has such seeds of eternity that it will abide until the last fire shall consume all learning."

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Critical thinking and moral values

From the Headmaster of . Wolverhampton Grammar School and others

Sir, The present concern with moral regeneration raises several issues for us who teach in that area. We are already working to produce critical thinking. This is perceived in some quarters as a challenge to morality: in fact it is only a challenge to an authoritarian view of morality. Despite the tenor of the current debate, an authoritarian or rule-based morality is not the only legitimate moral ap-

From our experience, many schools maintain a proper and sensible balance in educating children in critical thinking and moral values. These are not topics which may be taught, but skills which must be developed. We cannot agree that there is a body of knowledge called "morality" which

can be taught. In the case of this school, a Philoso-phy for Children programme is being successfully implemented in which moral awareness and critical thinking are developed through being practised and enjoyed. To see a group of IIyear-old boys and girls engaged in moral and ethical debate is an experience which those who see schools as moral wastelands would do well to

Yours faithfully BERNARD TRAFFORD D. BARLOW, PETER WHALE (Head and Deputy Head, Theology and Philosophy Department), Wolverhampton Grammar School, Compton Road, Wolverhampton, West Midlands. October 31.

From Mr William Marshall

Sir, If children have to be taught that it is wrong to deprive others of their possessions, that it is wrong to cause pain and misery and suffering and that without authority and leadership all is chaos, then no amount of moralising or tuition in values will have the slightest effect on our deplorable. society (letters, November I).

W. MARSHALL 41 The Drive, Chingford, E4.

From Mrs Pamela Strachan

Sir, in the current clamour for a kindled moral awareness in the young it might be worth noting that the centenary of C. S. Lewis's birth will occur in 1998.

A celebration of the professor would seem appropriate. Perhaps the Narnia stories should be core curriculum material; I know the figure of Asian made a more powerful impact on my agnostic offspring than anything of fered by the Christian Church, best endeavours notwithstanding.

Yours faithfully, PAMELA STRACHAN, 5 Winton Drive, Glasgow. November 1.

From Mr Richard Thomas

Sir, The past 30 years have witnessed a seemingly endless drive towards the establishment of extensive rights and freedoms for the individual, largely at the expense of society.

Pressures in society 40 years ago

served to encourage, if not coerce, the individual to behave in what might be termed a socially acceptable fashion. It is clear that the pendulum that moves between the individual and society in respect of rights and duties has moved much too far in favour of the former.

Anyone who believes that this imbalance can be corrected by wellmeaning talk of moral crusades and changes to the national curriculum is misguided. What is needed is a total change whereby individual duties and responsibilities are given priority over rights and freedoms.

Yours faithfully, R. THOMAS, 99 Bishopswood, Brackla, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan.

From Mr J. P. Hopewell

Sir, Congratulations on an outstanding editorial - "Virtue must be taught" (October 29). This is the convincing voice of reason.

My warm thanks, JOHN HOPEWELL, The Old Vicarage, Langrish, Petersfield, Hampshire. October 29.

From Mr Patrick O'Brien

Sir, Any statement defining morality which does not differentiate between the nuclear family - which as a rule supports itself as well as paying taxes to support single parents, one of whom is not fulfilling their social duty to support their children - can only be a politically-correct farce.

Yours truly, PATRICK O'BRIEN. 2 Evening Glade, Ferndown, Dorset. November 1.

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#### Disinformation on Katyn murders

From Professor Emeritus Norman Davies

Sir. Having attended and enjoyed the Times-Dillon's forum marking the publication of Mikhail Gorbachev's Memoirs (report, later editions, October 30, leading article, October 31), 1 must draw your attention to a most revealing item in the memoirs relating to the history of 1940.

As Gorbachev relates (pp 480-81), he himself took the courageous decision in April 1990 to confirm publicly that it was the Soviet NKVD, not the Nazis, who had perpetrated the coldblooded murder of about 26,000 Allied (Polish) officers in the Katyn forest and elsewhere exactly 50 years be-fore. Yet this is an event which he does not call a crime but puts into the category of "admitting our often grievous mistakes".

Moreover, one of the accompanying plates (in the section following p354) supports the old discredited version of events that Gorbachev was eager to disown. It supposedly shows him During my visit to Belorussia [Bela-rus] at the place where the small village of Katyn once stood."

The caption continues: "The Katyn massacre of prisoners of war took place near by." Well, it didn't. The picture shows Gorbachev not at Katyn, but at Khatyn.

The extra letter 'h' conceals half a century of disinformation. Khatyn was one of many villages in Eastern Europe to be destroyed (like Lidice) by the Germans, but the only one specially selected after the war as the site of Soviet Belorussia's grandiose "Na-tional War Memorial". Visited by millions of tourists and honoured by foreign diplomats, including our own, it served for decades to draw attention away from the totally separate location of Katyn (about which, until the era of glasnost, it was a criminal of-

fence to talk openly).
It is an excellent illustration of the technique whereby the truth about Hitler's crimes was consistently used to conceal Stalin's crimes.

However, it is not only in Gorbachev's Memoirs that confusion still reigns. It is one of the curiosities of our justice system that the British War Crimes Act of 1991 was carefully crafted so that events such as those at Khatyn can be classed as criminal whilst those at Katyn cannot.

One can only conclude that our legislators are in full agreement with Gorbachev that the mass murder of 26,000 Allied officers was just a

grievous mistake". We remember only what it is convenient to remember. In that same lateful year of 1940, when Stalin was Hitler's partner, thousands of Polish servicemen who had managed to escape the fare of their comrades murdered at Katyn were lining up to give their lives for the defence of Britain.

These matters lie at the heart of the confusion surrounding one of the most urgent issues of current European politics. People at the Times-Dillon's forum may have noticed that nothing fired up Mr Gorbachev more passionately than his opposition to the proposed enlargement of Nato, He somehow contrived to make his case. even though a few minutes earlier he had been warmly commending the right of all free democratic nations to

decide their future for themselves. The prime justification for the enlargement of Nato lies in the fact that the free democratic nations of the former Soviet bloc, including those ruled by ex-Communists, have decided to press for admission. And the prime reason why they have done so lies in their familiarity with chapters of European history which most of us choose to lorget.

The Katyns of Europe's past were every bit as real as the Khatyns.

Yours sincerely, NORMAN DĀVIES, 25 Thorncliffe Road, Oxford. November 1.

#### Poor planning for provincial opera

From Dr Valentine U. McHardy

Sir, The "lack of choice for provincial operagoers who want to see grand op-era", bemoaned by Mr Chris Viveash (letter, October 22), does not have a simple solution.

- While London-based companies may plead the expense of touring as a reason for staying at home, companies such as Welsh National Opera. Opera North and Scottish Opera are constrained by the "spheres of influence" policy promoted by the then Arts Council of Great Britain in the 1970s. Thus Scottish Opera mounted a new production of Norma as recently as 1993, but this could not be seen . From Mr Paul Tumim south of Newcastle.

These geographical restraints do not seem to apply to foreign compan-ies. After their warm welcome in Bristol, Romanian National Opera arrived to give five performances in Edinburgh in the same week as Glasgow-based Scottish Opera had already arranged to put on a "week" of opera there. This had been limited by lack of funds to two evenings of the simply staged and well reviewed Idomeneo (Arts, October 7) and a concert

performance of The Pearl Fishers. I attended a performance of Aida by Romanian National Opera and have to agree that your reviewer's com-ments ("Frankly pitiful", Arts. October 15) were justified. It is indeed puzzling that Romanian National Opera seems to have obtained such generous support from the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts

(ABSA), which acts on behalf of the Department of National Heritage, when this funding would have been better used to support British companies, whose standards of production are generally higher.

While the applause for Norma at Bristol underlines the demand for large-scale productions of opera outfunding and programming remain far from satisfactory.

Yours faithfully, VALENTINE U. McHARDY, 6 Ettrick Road, Edinburgh.

Sir, Mr Chris Viveash is mistaken when he claims that the provinces have not had the chance to see Norma for 20 years. I had the misfortune of seeing the Welsh National Opera's production of that opera in Bristol in June 1985; and I understand that the WNO has favoured Bristol with it again since then, as recently as last

Although I have not seen this year's Romanian production, my memories of that dreary evening 11 years ago incline me to the view that the frequency with which the citizens of Bristol are subjected to Norma borders on the ex-

Yours faithfully, P. TUMIM, 60 Bishop's Mansions, Bishop's Park Road, SWb. October 22.

#### Medicine and law

From Mrs Jane Fortin

Sir, Who could fail to sympathise with the parents of the baby boy with a lifethreatening liver defect (report, October 28; letter, October 291? Nevertheless, the Court of Appeal's recent confirmation of their right to refuse a lifesaving liver transplant is worrying.

In particular, the decision may un-

dermine the strength of existing case law which protects desperately ill children from parents whose sincerely held opposition to medical treatment would hasten their deaths.

There may be some inconsistency inthe courts continuing to override the objections of parents who are Jehovah's Witnesses to life-saving blood transfusions for their children whilst allowing others to reject the benefits of medical technology which carry a good prognosis for healthy survival.

On a more general note, can it seriously be maintained that it is in the best interests of one too young to assert a wish to live, to undergo an early and avoidable death?

Yours faithfully. JANE FORTIN (Senior lecturer in law), King's College London, School of Law, Strand, WC2. October 30.

#### Gun control

From Mr A. B. Phillips

Sir, I would be happier for Parliament to have a free vote on guns (letters, October 31) if I could be assured that all those voting had read Lord Cullen's report and had a valid reason as to why it should be ignored.

Yours faithfully, ALAN PHILLIPS, 35 Garway Road, W2 Will it be clear today?

From Mr John Ainley

Sir, Try as I might, when determined to hear the radio weather forecast, why do I finish up saying to my wife, 'What did they say?' Nothing wrong with their diction,

it's my concentration that lapses. Surely I am not alone? A plea to the forecasters: How about the odd interspersion, "Now pay at-tention" or "Are you listening?" would work wonders.

Yours faithfully, JOHN AINLEY. 4 Station Road, Cranswick, Driffield, East Yorkshire. October 31.

#### Can't take it with you

From Professor Peter Curwen

Sir, I received from the Halifax Building Society a circular concerning its conversion which stated that, "where a joint investing member dies, then his or her membership with the society ends".

Is one to assume from this that, having occupied every high street on Earth, the Halifax was refused planning permission to set up a branch in Heaven?

Yours sincerely. PETER CURWEN. Policy Research Centre, Sheffield Business School, Sheffield Hallam University. City Campus, Unit 7. Sheffield Science Park. Sheffield, South Yorkshire. November I.

Weekend Money letters, page 43

#### Recalling best of episcopal insults

From the Canon Treasurer of St Paul's Cathedral

Sir, Stories of Bishop Montgomery Campbell's frigid behaviour and sour jibes are legion (letter, October 28).

When I moved from Canterbury diocese to London in 1959 he licensed about 20 of us who were newly arrived curates, in Church House chapel. The legal formalities completed, he walked out, ignoring all of us. Not one

word of welcome. Some months later I was deputed to act if necessary as his chaplain at the institution of our new rector. He arrived with no chaplain. I presented myself, he looked at me with disfavour and said: "It appears I have no alter-

He clearly did not like Geoffrey Fisher, who had ordained me. His most memorable insult, in my experience, was applied to Geoffrey, his Archbishop, "My employer", he an-nounced, "is a hard man. He boils his eggs in widows' tears."

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL SAWARD, 6 Amen Court, EC4. October 28.

From the Reverend R. P. S. Waddy Sir, Bishop Montgomery Campbell was indeed an incomparable wit. Alas, he has no successor on the bench

today (except Robert Runcie?). But your correspondent's story of the milk of human kindness and the cow is far older than that. E. M. Sneyd-Kynnersley, in his account of his years as an HML attributed it to Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford and the wit of his Victorian age, who so described a brother bishop. Ecclesiastical chestnuts always reappear in each generation, and have done so, no doubt, since the days of Ecclesiastes, that cynical retired clergyman.

A gushing devotee once said to Montgomery Campbell: "I hear that a little book of your sayings is to be published." Pained, the bishop replied: "A little book?™

Yours sincerely.
PAT STACY WADDY, Manormead Tilford Road, Hindhead, Surrey.

From Mr Geoffrey Hinton

Sir, Bishop Montgomery Campbell was following in a tradition exempli-fied in the Thirties by Bishop Herbert Hensley Henson of Durham. When asked by Archbishop Cosmo Gordon Lang, at Bishopthorpe Palace, for his opinion of a new portrait of him, Henson trenchantly replied: "A very good likeness! Proud, pompous and prelatical!"

However, I fancy that it is in the world of education that the best witty ripostes are encountered. Three years ago a student told me in class: "Mr Hinton, we're in our salad days, and you're in your vegetable days."

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY HINTON, 1 Northmoor Place, Oxford. October 28.

From Canon Peter McCrory

Sir. It was a joy to be reminded of Bishop Montgomery Campbell's acerbic wit. My favourite story is of the ordinand he was about to interview.

Come in, Brown, take a chair," said Bishop Henry.
"Fiennes-Brown, my Lord," corrected the young man. "Take two chairs," came the reply.

Yours sincerely, PETER McCRORY. The Vicarage, 278 Kew Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

#### Beyond the pail From Dr Kenneth Swinburne

October 28.

Sir, it would seem from last night's BBC2 programme on the Victoria and Albert Museum (review, October 24) that, whatever else the museum contains, it certainly holds the National Collection of Plastic Buckets.

This is both a shame and a disgrace; if we are really unable to care for priceless treasures in a proper manner we should, perhaps, send them to America.

Surely it is now time for us to repair the roof of the V&A, without any delay, and before undertaking further extensions which, on present evidence, we may be unable to maintain.

Yours sincerely, KENNETH SWINBURNE, 16 Foxhill Crescent. Leeds, West Yorkshire. October 24.

#### Down the Tube

From Mr John Raybould

Sir, No wonder there are frequent delays and breakdowns on the Central Line, in view of the "Robert Maxwell" station on Simon Patterson's revised Underground map (report and pictures, October 29).

Shame on London Underground for not permitting the artist to display his fascinating map of the system. now contending at the Tate Gallery for the Turner Prize.

I should love to ask for a return ticket to "René Descartes" ("I commute. therefore I am").

JOHN RAYBOULD. 3 Chestnut Court, High Street, Newport, Saffron Walden, Essex. October 29.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BOLLANGLHAM PALACE
November 1: The Queen and The
Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Heathrow Airport. London, this evening
from the State Visit to the Kingdom of
Thailand and were received at the
airport by the Earl of Airlie KT (Lord
Chamberlain).

The following were in attendance: The following were in antendance: The Countess of Airlie, the Lady Susan Hussey, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major-General Sir Simon Cooper, Mrs Mary Francis, Mr Charles Ansun, Surgeon Captain David Swain, RN, Air Commodove the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Lieutenant-Commander Toby Williamson RN and Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis. The Prince of Wales, on behalf of

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning. ST JAMES'S PALACE

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 1: The Prince of Wales,
Colonelin-Chief, Army Air Corps,
this morning received LieutenantColonel David Joyce upon retinquishing his appointment as Commanding
Officer 4 Regiment and LieutenantColonel Keith Pople upon assuming
the aurointment

His Royal Highness, President His Royal Highness, President, Royal Shakespeare Company, this afternoon chaired the Annual Gov-ernors' Meering at the Royal Shake-speare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire (Captain the Viscount Daventry).

The Prince of Wales. Vice-President, the National Trust, afterwards visited Baddesley Clinton, Warwick-

KENSINGTON PALACE November 1: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon visited Doncester and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Yorkshire [The Earl of Combenses]

Her Royal Highness opened the Doncaster Social Services Department/National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Therapeutic Centre in May Avenue. The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, subsequently attended a Reception for supporters of the Society at the Doncaster Moat House Hotel.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 31: The Duke of Gloucester. Grand Prior, the Order of St John, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this morning visited the Priory for South Africa, Westeliff, Johannesburg, and afterwards at-tended a luncheon at Johannesburg tended a luncheon at JUNEAU PACK.
Country Club, Auckland Pack.
In the afternoon Their Royal Highnesses visited Westbury Eye Clinic,
Westbury Township, and later visited

Westbury Township, and later visited Thembelihle Community Centre, Eldorado Park, Johannesburg. KENSINGTON PALACE November 1: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this morning attended a Ceremony at which His Royal High-

ecause you put your faith in God, you are under the pro-tection of his power until the salvation now in

end of time, 1 Peter 1 : 5

BEATTIE-JONES - On 22nd October, to Elchard and Miranda, a son, Theodore Dominic, a brother for Joshua (20/8/1992) and Alexandra (1/10/1994).

BOMMEFOUS - On October 21s

in New York, to Claire (nie Chappie) and Jean-Marc, a son, Ludovic Alexander

James, a brother for

BUCK - To fielen (née Palmer) and ionathan a magnificent son, Thomas Francis, on 25th October in Geneva,

Switzerians.

KERSHAW - Suzanne (née fones) and Alex are proud to announce the birth of their soo Jack Alexander Charles in London on 25th October.

LAMES - On 20th October at Grove House, to AnneMarks and Rodney, a son, Henry Thomas, a brother for

LESTER - On October 31st at Hereford, to Susannah and

McCARTHY - On October 7th to Kirstle (née Boswall) and Duncan, a son, Callum

WELDON - On 30th October, to Clare and Robert, a son

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** 

LAMBERT - Mrs This Lamber

AMEERT - Mrs. Than Lambert and her children, Sernand. Catherine, Christian and Dapilal express their deep appreciation for the very many kind, sincere and heartfelt gestures of sympathy and support received from family, friends and business collesposs in the British Isles and Famce and also Italy. Austria.

the British Islee and Fames and also Italy, Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Czechoslovakie; of late husband and father Michel Marcel Etienne Lambert, who died tragically on 31st July 1996 in France, and whose fumeral was held on 14th August 1996 at West Moors Cemetery, Dorset. Thank you sincerely to everyone who sent kind letters, flowers, donations, telegrams and faxed messages, and all who travelled Loss afar to attend the fumeral.

ADE - Helen (née Perkin) - A concert planist and composer. Passed away peacefully and well cared for, much lowed by family and friends, on October 19th 1996, late of Newport. Wife of George (deceased), beloved mother of George, Thmothy and Kenneth and grand and grand grand and grand-grandmother to their families. Aged 87 years. ATHERTON - James Francis, formenty of Portsmouth, died peacefully at The Williams Nursing Home, Shepshed, Loughborough, 31st October 1996 aged 90 years.

. 1996 aged 90 years.

BROWNE - Major Donald
Harris Browne M.R. (Dodie)
pessefully on 31st October
1996 at Allenbrook Nursing
Home, Fordinghridge, aged
92. Much loved husband of
the late Peggy and father of
Susan and David. Private
cresation at his request.

BIRTHS

ness presented His Excellency Presi-dent Nelson Mandela with the Insig-nia of a Knight of Grace of the Order of St John at Union Buildings.

In the aftermoon His Royal High-ness attended a lunchern at the Rand Club. Johannesburg and Her Royal Highness attended a Ladies Lun-cheon at the Priory of South Africa, With Highness and South Africa,

Westeliff, Johannesburg, Later. The Duke of Gloucester visited the No 1 Military Hospital Memorial and afterwards attended an Order of St John Chapter Meeting at the South African Medical Services (SAMS) Officers' Club.

In the evening The Duke and Duchess of Glouoester attended a dinner at the SAMS Officers' Club, Voortrekkerhoogte, Preturia. ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 1: The Duke of Kent. Chancellor, this evening attended the 30th anniversary dinner, at the University of Surrey, Guildford,

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE vember I: Princess Alexandra November 1: Princess Alexandra
today visited Tyne and Wear and was
received by Her Majesty's Lord
Lieutenant of Tyne and Wear (Sir
Ralph Carr-Ellison).

Her Royal Highness, Patron. opened the Newcastle Branch of the Alzheimer's Disease Society, at But-tress House, Brenkley Way, Seaton Burn, North Tymeside.

Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Princess Alexandra, Parton of the People's Dispensary for Sick Ani-mals, subsequently opened the new Veterinary Centre at Stoneygate Lane, Felling, Gateshead.

#### Royal engagements at the weekend

Prince Edward, as trustee, will attend The Duke of Edinburgh's Award London regional conference for award leaders at the Barbican at 9.30. TOMORROW:

The Duke of Kint, as Trustee of the Science Museum, will take part in the centenary London to Brighton veteran car run starting at Hyde Park at

#### Senators of the **College of Justice** in Scotland

The Hon Lord Philip and Mr William Austin Nimmo Smith, QC, have been appointed Senators of the College of Justice in Scotland.

They will fill the vacancies arising from the appointments of the Hon Lord Clyde as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and of Lord Rodger of Earlsferry as Lord Justice General and Lord President of the Court of

#### Service dinners

The Navai Club Prince Michael of Kent was the principal guest at a dinner of the Naval Club and the RNVR Offi-cers' Association held last night at the Royal Naval College Green wich. Mr Robert Paice presided. The King's Regiment Brigadier J.J. Gaskell, Colonel of

The King's Regiment, presided at the annual dinner of the Officers' Dinner Club held last night in Manchester Town Hall. Royal Corps of Signals
The annual Scottish dinner of the Royal Corps of Signals was held last night at the Western Club,

Blythe Sappers Brigadier 1.D.T. McGill, Engineer-in-Chiel (Army), and Mrs McGill were the principal guests at a dinner given by the Blythe Sappers last night at Brompton Barracks, Chatham.

The Royal Anglian Regiment nel and The Royal Anglian Regi-ment, presided at a regimental ment, presuled at a regimental dinner held last right at the Army and Navy Club. Mr Alderman M.B. Savory, Master of the Poul-ters' Company, was the chief guest.

#### Dinners

Manchester Consular

The Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and Mrs Timmins attended the annual dinner of the Manchester Consular Association held last night at Manchester Airport Hotel. Consul General Ernst Keller (Switzerland), president, Consul David Fox (Chile) and Consul Brian Carroll (Liberia) welcomed the guests who included:

micitates:
The High Sheriff of Greater Manchester and Mr L Firth, the Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Greater Manchester, the Mayor of Trafford and the Vice-Chancellor of UMIST and Mrs Boucher.

Framework Knitters' Company The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sher-iffs and their ladies, was the guest nis and their ladies, was the guest of honour and presented the Framework Knitters' Company's International Wool Secretariat bursary to Miss Adriente Fulton at the annual livery dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Thomas Fraser, Master, pre-sided, and accompanied by the or Thomas Fraser, master, pre-sided, and accompanied by the Upper Warden and Mr A.J.W. Lewis, received the guests. The Lord Mayor, the Senior Assistant and Mr J.H. Leach also spoke. Among others present were.

The Prime Warden of the Busketmakers'
Company, the Master of the Needlemakers' and Bakers' Companies, the 
Upper Warden of the Weavers' 
Company and the Renter Warden of the 
Dyers' Company and their ladies.

Company of Merchant Adventurers of the City of York Mr Christopher Hall. Governor of the Company of Merchant Ad-venturers of the City of York, presided at the annual venison least held last night at the Merchant Adventurers' Hall, York. Sir Leon Brittan, QC. a Vice-President of the

European Commission, spoke.

#### Weekend birthdays Budgen, MP. 59; the Earl of Caithness, 48; Mr Francis Cook, MP, 61; Sir Kenneth Corley, for-mer chairman, Joseph Lucas (In-dustries), 83; Miss Violetta Elvin,

Lord Ashburton, KG, 68; the Earl Lord Ashburton, K.G., 68; the Earl of Aylesford, 78: Lady (Maurice) Bathurst, diplomat, 76: Sir David Calcutt, Q.C. former Master, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 60: Sir Clifford Chetwood, former chairman, George Wimpey, 78; the Right Rev P.H.E. Goodrich, Bishop of Worcester, 67: Dr Ronald Hedley, former director, Natural History Museum, 79: Mr Paul Johnson, author, 68; Mr Alan Jones, racing driver, 50; Dr David Jones, racing driver, SO; Dr David Lea, trade unionist, S9; Dr Jack Leonard, chairman, British Technology Group, 65: Sir Bruce Mar-tin, QC, former chairman, North West Regional Health Authority, 58; Danie Pauline Neville-Jones, former political director. Foreign and Commonwealth Office 57; Sir Commission for Racial Equality, 68; Professor Sir Ronald Oxburgh, Imperial College of Science Technology and Medicine, 62; Professor Norman Pve. generables. sor Norman Pye, geographer, 83; Mr Ivor Roberts-Jones, sculptor, 83; Lord Sainsbury of Presion Candover, KG, 69; Mr Bruce Welch, Shadows' guitarist, 55.



player, is 62 today

TOMORROW: iscount Linley celebrates his 35th birthday today. Miss Roseanne Arnold, actress, 44. Mr Kenneth Baker, CH, MP, 62: Mr CW. Beveridge, chief executive. Scottish Enterprise, 51; Mr John Biffen, MP, 66; Mr Charles

dustries), 88; Miss Violetta Elvin, prima ballerina, 71; Mr Roy Emerson, termis player, 60; Mrs Jean Floud, former Principal, Newnham College, Cambridge, 81; Mr Michael Gallemore, former Editor, The Sporting Life, 52; Mr John Heppell, MP, 48; Mr Jarry Holmes, boxer, 47; Sir Ludovic Kennety, broadcaster, 71; Sir Christopher Leaver, former Lord Mayor of London, 59; the Earl of Lonsdale, 74; Lulu, singer and actress, 48; the Earl of Meath, 86; Major-General Viscount Major-General Viscount Monckion of Brenchley, 81: Mr Kenneth Morgan, former director, Press Complaints Commission, 68; the Earl of Northesk, 42: Mr Conor Cruise O'Brien, journalist and author, 79: Sir Timothy Raison, former MP, 67; Mr. Albert Reyn-olds, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 64; Mr Vanni Treves, senior partner, Mac-farlanes, 56; Vice-Admiral Sir John Webster, 64; Mr Ian Wright, footballer, 33. Bronson, actor, 74; Mr Nicholas

#### Memorial services

The El million prize in the Premium Bond draw for December was won with bond number ISCS 756886. The winner lives in Surrey, and has a bond holding of £10,000.

#### Luncheon Commonwealth Parliamentary

Premium Bonds

Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mr Tom Cox, MP, were the hosts at a luncheon given by the exec-utive committee of the branch yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotel for a delegation of Indian Mem-bers of Parliament led by Mr P A. Sangma, Honorary Speaker of the Lok Sabha.

#### Service luncheon

Fifth Indian Division Mr David Atkins was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Fifth Indian Division held yesterday at the Royal Great Western Hotel,

Lieutenant-Colonel Harrington presided.

#### **House of Lords** appointments

Mr John Michael Davies to be Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, Mr Paul David Grenville Hayter to be Clerk Assistant, and Mr Michael Graham Pownall to be Reading Clerk. These appointments follow the retirement of Sir Michael Wheeler-

Booth on January 4.

Dr Eiddon Edwards A memorial service for Dr Eiddon Edwards, Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities at the British Museum, 1955-74, was held yesterday at St George's, Bloomsbury. The Rev Dr Perry Butler officiated. Sir Irvine Goulding and Mr Christopher Constantine read the les-son. Mr Robert Clarke and

Professor Harry Smith, FBA, paid tribute. Mr James Tye
A service of thanksgiving and
celebration for the life and work of Mr James Tye, Director-General of the British Safety Council, was held yesterday in Southwark Cathedral, Canon Roy White, Vice-Provost of Southwark, officiated. Mrs Tye, widow, read the lesson, Mr Stephen Rouse, son, read from Nelson Mandela's 1994 inaugural speech and Miss Elleen Baker read Joyce Grenfell's If I should go

before the rest of you. Mr Jim Brest, deputy director-general, gave an address. Among others gave an autoress. Anteng theirs present were:

Miss Jo Tye (daughter): Sir Harold Walker, MP, the Hon Greville Janner, QC. MP, Mr Frank Davies (chalrman, Health and Safety Commission). Dr Douglas Laito (chalrman of the board, British Safety Council) with Mr John Bennett, Mr Tim Hooper, Mr Ted Quigley, Mr Alan Smith and other members of the Health and safety Executive, the International Institute of Risk and Safety Executive, the International Institute of Occupational Health and Safety, the Occupational Beath and Safety, the Occupational Health, the British Standards Institution, the Institute of Advanced Motorists, the TGVU, the Chartered Institute of Marketing the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for Disabled People, the Japan Risk Management Association, the National Campaign for Firework Safety and many other Iriends and colleagues. present were:

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#### Anniversaries TODAY

BIRTHS: Jean Baptiste Chardin, painter, Paris, 1699: Daniel Boone, frontiersman, Pennsylvania, 1735; Marie Antoinette Queen of France, Vienna, 1755; Warren Harding, 29th American President 1921-23. Blooming Grove, Ohio, 1865: Victor Trumper, Australian cricketer, Sydney, 1877.

DEATHS: Richard Hooker, theologian, Bishopsbourne, Kent, 1600; Jenny Lind, soprano, Mal-vern, 1887; George Bernard Shaw, dramatist, Ayot St Lawrence, Lastfordships 1950; James Thors Hertfordshire, 1950; James Thur-ber, humorist, New York, 1961. The Daily Mirror was first pub-

Lord Ballour made his declaration regarding a Jewish bomeland in Palestine, 1917. Ras Tafari was crowned Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, in

Addis Ababa, 1930. The world's first high-definition television service began from Alexandra Palace, London, 1936. TOMORROW:

BIRTHS: King Edward V. West-minster Abbey. 1470; Aurangach, Mogul Emperor of India 1658-1707. Dohad, 1618: Karl Baedeker, guide book publisher, Essen, Germany, 1801; André Malraux, writer and politician, Paris, 1901. DEATHS: Annie Oakley, Ameri-

can rille markswoman, 1926; Henri Matisse, painter, Nice, 1954; Guy Lombardo, band leader, Houston, 1977. The town of Abruzzi in Italy was

destroyed by an earthquake which killed about 15,000 people, 1706. Laika, a Russian dog, was sent into space in Sputnik II, 1957. The Queen opened the North Sea pipeline, Firth of Forth, 1975.

#### Forthcoming marriages

and Miss S.L. Summerships announced between Gregor, youngest son of John and Margot Logan, of Lenzie. Glasgow, and Soe, daughter of Brian and Tessa Smith, of

The engagement is announced between Stephen Kenneth son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Shellard, Dublin, and Christine Rose, daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold

The engagement is announced between Andrew Paul, son of Mrs.

Elizabeth Abercrombie, of

Philippa Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Warhurst, of Barnes.

Owen, Caemarion, Gwynedd.

end Miss P.A. Warkers

and Dr P.M.A. Shanahan

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr

and Mrs Matthew Thomson, of Edinburgh, and Philippa, daugh-ter of Dr and Mrs Cyril Shanahan,

A service of blessing took place on Thursday, October 31, in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft.

Westminster Hall, following the marriage of Mr Mark Flawn-

Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Flawn-Thomas, and the Hon Clare

Wantage, Oxfordshire, Mr S.K. Shellard

Mr A.P. Thomas

London.
Dr C.J. Thomson

of Liverpool.

Marriages

Mr M.G. Flawn-Thomas and the Hon C.P. Lowther

d the Rev C.R. Owen

Mr R.D.K. Atherton and Miss N.A.S. North The engagement is announced between Richard. son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Atherton, of Bloomfield Crescent, Bath, and Natasha, daughter of Mr J. North and Mrs P.D. North, of Milton Lilbourne,

Mr J.E. Crossman and Dr S.F. Hanrott The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Ian Crossman, of Hove, East Sussex, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Hanrott, of Malborough, Devon.

Mr J.H.P. Dawes and Miss H.E. Bridger The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Dawes, of Long Souton, Hampshire, and Helen, daughter of Mr John Bridger, of London, and Mrs Carolyn Brid-ger, of Netton, Wiltshire. MrJA Heller

and Dr T.Y. Segal The engagement is announced between John Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Heller, of Hampstead, London, and Terry, daughter of Mrs Barbara Segal, of

London, and Professor Tony Segal. of Landon. Mr R.R.S. Horsett

and Miss A.i., di lorio The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr Graham Homen and Mrs Helen Homent, of Shamley Green. Surrey and Arabella, only daugh-ter of Mr Luigi di Iorio, of Roè Volciano, Lago di Garda, Italy, and Mrs Deirdre di Iorio, of Sowerby, North Yorkshire. Mr J.R. Little

and Miss M.C. Ridley The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs R. Little, of Sutton Montis. Somerset, and Marian, daughter of Mr A. Ridley and Mrs J. Ridley, of Croydon.

Mr J.B. Prichard and Miss L Musaphia The engagement is announced in London between Justin, son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Prichard, of Auckland. New Zealand, and Leanne. daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Musaphia, of Wellington, New Zealand.

Lowther, daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Uliswater, Mr E.J.M. Turper and Miss M. Kadota The marriage took place on Tuesday, October 22, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Frinton-on-Sea, between Mr Francis John Mansfield Turner, only son of the Rev Dr H.J.M. and Mrs J.C.L.

Turner, of Friaton, and Miss Miho Kadota, only daughter of Mr Tatsuo and Mrs Akeko Kadota of Shimane, Japan. The bride-groum's lather officiated, assisted the Rev J.M. Uchida and the Rev A. Rose, rector of Frinton. The address was given by Mr G.E. Milburn.

#### Church news

The Rev Stanley Baxter, part-time Priest-in-charge (NSM), Topcliffe: to be part-time Assistant Curate (NSM). Thirsk Team Ministry. and continue as Co-Director of the North of England Healing Trust, Sowerby (York).

The Rev Dorothy Bellamy, Assistant Curate (NSM), Westbury (Salisbury): to be Assistant Curate, (NSM), plurality of Freshwater and Yarmouth; Isle of Wight

The Rev Ronald Bowlzer, Priest-inthe key konaio sowner, Priest-in-charge, Neatherton to be Priest-in-charge, Cleator Moor and Cleator, and of Frizington and Arlevdon, and remains Chaplain to the Deal and Hard of Hearing, West Coast of Cambria (Cartisle).

Tomorrow's church services are on the facing page

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IN MEMORIAM ---PRIVATE

ALERTHE - On 31st Octobe in Abington, after many sa years of illness, Jame

MUCHES DAMES - On October 31st 1996 suddenly and peacefully in hospital, Colin Hughes Davies DL, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation at Thornbill, Wednesday November 6th 1996 2 pm, private, family only. Memorial Service later. No flowers, donations, if desired, to the Friends of the Eoyal Gwent Hospital, Newport.

D. List. Laurente Institute of Franca. Fellow Emerius All Souis College, Oxford. Died peacefully on 30th October, 1996 eged 79 years. Seloved husband of Lucy. The funeral will take place on Monday 4th November 1996 at White Notley. Church at 230pm. A memorial service to be announced later. Enquiries to G. Collins & Sons, 4, The Street, White Notley, Withou, Essar Culb 12RL 7ct 01376 583750. 583385.

CAMBENDS - (Née Kingcome) on October 29th 1996 in hospital, Bunty of West Byffeet (formerly of Bannes) aged 80 years. Dearly loved mother of Jean and sister of John. Funeral Service on Tuesday November 5th 230pm at All Safnis Church, Woodham, followed by private creemtion. Enquiries to G. Boutell & Son, tel: (01932) 345037.

CAMP - Wendy Evelya, aged sister of Putch. Funeral Service on Thursday November 7th in Dandse Cremstorium at 230 pm to which all family and close friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only please but donations if desired may be sent to your local ESPCA.

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Junius Jayewardene, former President of Sri Lanka, died yestrday aged 90. He was born on September 17, 1906.

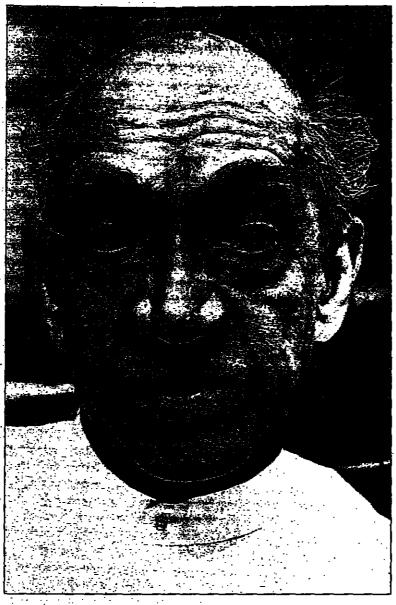
nius Jayewardene's period in lower in Sri Lanka divided harply into two phases, the first narked by a considerable degree of progress for his country and the second by repression when he judged it necessary to rule through emergency law for five and a half years. He then faced unabating communal violence betwen the Sinhalese and Tamils and querilla violence from extremists in both groups. When he stepped down from office in January 1989 Payevardene bluntly admitted in an view with The Times that Sri Lana was "facing its worst crisis yet". At the time of his death, that crisis was no parer a solution.

Jayewardene had won the greatest victry in Sri Lanka's parliamentary history when his United National Pary took 140 of the 168 seats at the hil 1977 election. He became Prime Milister but used his majority to chaige the constitution to create an executive presidency and a complicated preerential voting system to elect MPs. in place of the existing first-past-thepot system. He was sworn in as the naion's first executive President on Feruary 4, 1978.

ayewardene modernised the Sri Lakan economy, advocating free trale zones and opening the doors to foreign investment and privatisation. "In the robber barons come in," he said. Aid poured in from many Western countries and Sri Lanka was ed as a model among new and diveloping nations of how a poor country had successfully voted out of piwer a socialist regime.

Not everyone in Sri Lanka welcomed the growing foreign influence in the ountry's affairs. Jayewardene - a lemocrat, but only on his own terms was intolerant of criticism. In 1982, after winning the presidential election, he used a referendum to extend the term of parliament instead of holding a general election. The ploy was legally correct but norally doubtful. Although it succeeded it attracted much criticism, and nany have argued that the campaigns y Tamil separatist movements after July 1983 and by the Marxist externist JVP (People's Liberation Front in 1987-88 had their roots ' in this fateful decision.

Jayewarene's willingness to bend the rules toserve his own ends was his great wearness. He succeeded in getting paliament to take away the eighty when neighbouring India civic right of his main opponent, the dropped food supplies by air into



widowed Mrs Sirimavo Bandara- Jaffina, the northern provincial capital naike, leader of the previous regime, on the ground that she had ruled for nearly five years under a state of emergency. But he himself did not hesitate to declare a state of emergency in 1983. He broke the back of the country's trade unions and used strong-arm tactics against any opposition. He shifted the country's capital from Colombo to Sri Jayewardenapura

(Kotte).
But his search for a military solution to the problem with the minority Tamils led to soaring defence costs and finally a threat to the island's soverPrime Minister, as his party's candi-date for the presidential election that December. He handed over power and retired from politics on January 2, 1989. Junius Richard Jayewardene was born, the eldest of 11 children, into one of Ceylon's greatest Sinhalese lawyer families. His father was a Christian and a regular churchgoer while his mother was a Buddhist. It was a tolerant home and Jayewardene adopted his mother's faith when aged 17. The choice was to mark both his personal life and his public life, for the future leader quickly came to see the force of Buddhism in mobilising the majority community in the island's post-independence politics. He was educated at Royal College, Colombo, and the Law College, and was sworn in as an advocate of the Supreme Court in 1932.

> In 1940 Jayewardene was elected to the Colombo Municipal Council and became a member of the Ceylon State Council when he won a by-election. He first entered parliament in 1947 and was soon appointed Minister of Fi-nance. In 1950 he was one of the two coauthors of the Colombo Plan, under which assistance was given to many countries in South-East Asia.

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In September 1988 he nominated

Ranasinghe Premadasa, then his

injuries except for some deafness.

In 1951 he led the Sri Lankan delegation to the Japanese Peace Conference in San Francisco, where he said that hatred does not cease by hatred and declared that the Japanese must be forgiven for their wartime deeds. He insisted that, although Sri Lanka had been bombed by the Japanese, the island did not want any compensation. The Japanese never forgot, and even today Japan is Sri Lanka's biggest financial donor. In 1956, he suffered his only parlia-

mentary defeat at Kelaniya, his constituency, when the United National Party was trounced at the general election. He helped to rebuild a demoralised party and in 1958 undertook a controversial march to the historic city of Kandy, protesting against a government decision to give semi-autonomous status to the minority Tamils in the Northern and Eastern Provinces.

After the United National Party lost in the July 1970 elections, Jayewardene became the Leader of the Opposition and succeeded Dudley Senanayake as

Rupasinghe, who survives him, togeth-

#### **DENIS OWEN**

Denis Owen, ecologis and geneticist, died of lung cancer on October 3 aged 65. He was born on April 4, 1931.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC field naturalist, Denis Owen was one of the best all-round ecologists of his generation. He published some 250 scientific papers, ten books and numerous articles and letters. His most successful book, What is Ecology? (1974), greatly contributed to bringing the study of ecology into the mainstream of human

Denis Frank Owen was educated at the Roan School, Greenwich. On leaving there, he joined the staff of the bird room of the Natural History Museum. Here he gained a sound basic knowledge of taxonomic omithology.

When he joined the London Natural History Society in 1947 he quickly impressed the senior members who invited him to join their entomological and ecological committees. He took a prominent part in the society's ecological survey of the fauna and flora of the bombed sites of central London, which prompted his first paper. The macrolepidoptera of the Moorgate, London, bombed sites (1949).

In 1948 he became the editor of the first annual report of the Junior Bird Recorders' Club, the forerunner of today's Young Ornithologists' Club. the junior branch of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. In 1949 he undertook a field study of ten pairs of nightjars in a Kentish wood, publishing an excellent account of them in the RSPB's iournal.

Called up for National Service in 1949, he was fortunate to spend most of it in isolated camps on the Solway Firth, where he studied the waterfowl and northern species of butterilies and moths. He was invited in 1951 to work under David Lack, the director of the Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology at Oxford University, on the ecology of titmice, grey herons, rooks and swifts. In 1956 he read for a degree in zoology, and after graduating in 1958 he took a



doctorate at the University of Michigan. While there he studied the tropical ecology of

central America. In June 1962 he took up a lectureship in zoology at Makerere University College in Kampala, Uganda, at that time part of London University. This new appointment enabled him to extend his research interests to African wildlife, especially the genetics and population ecology of bunerflies. He also published his first book, Animal Ecology in Tropical Africa, an academic text for students of ecology. and one of the first to use local examples and case studies.

A move to West Africa as Professor of Zoology at the University of Sierra Leone in 1966 eventually led to the publication in 1971 of his book Tropical Butterflies. By then his academic standing was secure and he was made director of Unesco's biology teaching project for Africa, in Ghana, and was for a time acting vice-chancellor at the

University of Sierra Leone. These achievements were. no doubt, instrumental in his appointment in 1971 as Professor of Tropical Ecology at the University of Lund in Sweden, which he held until 1973. The following year saw the publication of What is Ecology?, subsequently translated into many languages, including Japanese and most recently, in 1995, into Chinese

Owen returned to Britain in 1973 to take up an appoint-ment at the department of biology at Oxford Polytechnic (later to become Oxford Brookes University). He combined his work there with serving as visiting professor at universities all over the world, as well as acting as a consultant on various ecological projects, especially those concerning the causes of desert encroachment in the Sahel in West Africa.

Retiring from Oxford Brookes University earlier this year, Owen was looking forward to completing some of his personal long-term research projects. A paper, shortly to be published, com-pleted his work on the scarlet tiger moth, Callimorpha dominula.

He will permanently be remembered in the names of those insects which were named after him: one was a West African hawkmoth Phylloxiphia oweni, known as Owen's redwing, and then there was a whole genus of Ichneumon wasps, Owenus.

Denis Owen was twice married and is survived by his second wife Clare, and the son and daughter of his first marriage.

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BlackBurn Cathedral: 8 HC: 9,15
Choral M, Stanford in B flat, Adam lay
y-bounden: 10,30 Euch, Mass for four
voices (Momeverd), Canon J Hall: 4
Choral E, Wood in E, The Provost. BRECON CATHEDRAL: 8 Holy Euch: 11 Holy Euch. Charles Wood in C minor. Canon P Jackson; 3.30 E. Charles Wood in D. cuaries wood in D.

SRISTOL CATREDRAL, College Green:
7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Missa brevis (Carter), Ave Verum (Mozari, Canon A Rediern; 3.30 Choral E. Canon P Johnson. CANDERBURY CATHEDRAL 8 HC: 9.30 S Ench: 11 S Euch, Missa O quam ploriosum (Victoria), Rev P Brett. 2.15 Roly Baptism: 3.15 E. Gloucester Service Howevells): 6.30 Sandwich Deanery Confirmation.

How Espissis: 3.15 Collecter Service (Howells: 6.30 Service, Information. CARLISE CATHEDRAL: 7.45 M; 8 HC; 10.30 Seuch, Jackson in G. Give us the wings of faith Bullock, Canon D Weston; 3 E. Stanford in A. CHEIMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP, 8 HC. The Vice-Provost; 9.30 Euch, The June; 8 HC; 10 Family Euch, Aston in F. God be in my head (Ruiter), Canon I Dennis; 11.30 Choral M. Short Service (Gibbons). O nata hax de familie, E; 6.30 E. Canon J Newcome.

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 IX: 10 M, Boyce in C. Lord to thee! I make my moan (Weelkes), The Priest Vicar; 1) Seuch, The Precentor; 3.30 E. Dyson in D, O how glorious (Harwood).

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL: B. HC. The Precentor; 10 M & Commentoration of the 450th anniversary of the death of Martin, Lither, Stanford in C. The Deen; 11.15 HC, Missa super O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria). O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria). Canon F Kent; 3.30 E.

EXSTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 44 S Seuch, David In Rent Stanford in C. The Deen; 11.15 HC, Ruissa super O quam gloriosum est regnum (Victoria). Canon F Kent; 3.30 E.

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Buch, Darke in F. Let all montal flesh
(Bairstow). The Precentor: 11.15 M.

Justorum animae (Stantion). Preb C.

Toll: 3 E. Leighton, Lord thou hast been
our refuge (Walker): 6:30 Evening, Quis
te comprehendat (Mozani), The Dean.

GLOICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8. 12.15

HC: 10.15 Euch, tretand in C. Rev Dr J.

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Cannot De Pelmer; 9.45 S. Euch, Misso
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Hewit: 1.15 M. The King shall rejoice
(Handel). Rev J. Gordon: 6.30 E.

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WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 SEUCH, DARKE IN E. Author of life divine (Aston). Very Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M. From the rising of the sun (Dussley): 3 E. The Gloucester Service (Howells). Preb T Farnible.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M. Te Deum in F (Ireland). View me Lord (Lloyd), Very Rev G Macmillian: 11.15 Euch, Missa brevis in C. k220 (Mozart, Sing we mertily (Banten). Are verum (Byrti), Rev J Goodali: 3 E. Let all the world (Voughan Williams). Canon C Semper, 5.30 Rec(lai: 0.30 Evenling. Very Rev G Marmillian.

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10.30 M. Te Deum in B flat (Stanford).
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Blessed city (Bairstow). Ven T Nash.

Collegium Regale (Howells): 4 E.
Bairstow In D. Rev Dr.) Toy
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11 Choral Euch, Darke In A minor, Very
Rev K Goulstone: 3.30 Solemn Choral
E. Requiem (Faure). E, Requient (Fauré).

ST DAVIDS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30
Cymun Bendigald. Y Canon. 9.30
Parish Euch. The Succentor. 1.15
Choral M. Ireland in F. O Lord Increase
my faith (Loosemore). The Canon. 6
Choral E. The Minor Canon.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.
Southwark: 6, 8, 10, 6 Low Mass. 11.30
Solemn Mass. Mass for 4 voices (Byrd).
Gaudent in coelis (Dering). Mgr L.
White: 5 EP & Benediction.
ST GILSS CATHEDRAL. Falinburgh: 8 Gaudent in costs (Dering). Mgr L
White; S Fp & Benediction.

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Morning HC. Rev D Robertson. 10
Morning. Rev J Williams, Missa C
quam gloriosum (Vestoria): 11:30
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ST MACHARS CATHEDRAL 11
Morning. Philips-Gaudent in coells,
Rev R Frazer: 6 Evening. Rev D
Molyneaus, HC

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL London: 8
HC: 845 M: 11 S Euch. The Short
Service (Tailis), Laudem dicite Deo
(Shengard). Rev M Saward: 3.15 E &
Installation. Sumsion in G. Rev Dr C
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Communion: 11 Rev J Cook: 6.30 Rev
Dr I Stot.
THE ASSUMPTION. Warwick Street.
W1: 11 Missa ad libitum (Bournorville). O quam gioriosum (Marenzio). CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC: 10 Children: 11 Parish Communion. Rev Dr P Elvy: 6 E. Dr P Elvy. CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTTAND, Coveni Garden, WC2: Jl.15 Rev J McMahon: J2.20 HC: 6.30 Rev S Hood. Rev S Hood.

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[Methodish, SWI: 11 Rev Dr P Graves,
6.20 HC, Rev E Fleicher.
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Gresham St, EC2 11 Choral HC, Rev P
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Whithleld. EC1: 9 HC; 11 Choral Euch. ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT. SMITHING EUCH. MISSA O QUARM gloriosum (Victorial Luch. MISSA O QUARM gloriosum (Victorial Lustorum animae Byrdi. The Rector. 6.30 E. Rev R. Hayes.
ST BRIDTS. Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch. Second Service (Gibbons). Darke in E. O sacrum convivium (Messiaeni, Canon J Oates: 6.30 Choral E. Party in D. How beautiful upon the mountains (Stalnen, Miss J Banister.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCR OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SWI: 11 Rev C MacLeod, 6.30 Rev W Calm.
ST ETHELDREDAS. Ely Place. 11 S

ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10,30 S Euch (1662), John Paul, Rector. ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 12 S Euch, Messe de requiem (saint Saens): 6 E. Watson in E. Give us the wings of Paith (Bullock). raint (Bullock).
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, 8.30 HC; 11 S
Euch, Rev D Reeves, 5.45 EP.
ST JOHN'S, Stratlard #15: 11 Family,
Taccara Gothique (Boelimann), Rev M
Okello: 6.30 EP 8 Praise, Rev J
Richardson. Richardson. ST LUKES. Chelsea. SW3: 10:30 S Euch. O quam gloriosum (Victoria). Rev G Brice: 12.15 HC: 6.30 E. Rejoice in the Lord alway (Anon artrib Rediord), Rev G Beauchamo. Bequehamp.

ST MARKS. Regents Park Rd. NW1: 8
HC. 9.45 Family Communion: 11 5
Euch. D mysterium incilabile
Lallonentel. Rev J Yales.

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15 Euch. The Dean.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS. WC2: 8
HC: 9.45 Euch. Rev K Leech. 11.30
Visitors. Rev B Schunemann: 12.30 HC.
Rev W Ratchiord: 2.45 Chinese. Rev G
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ST MARY ARBOTS CHURCH, Rensingtop WB; 8, 12,30 HC; 9.30 Parish Euch,
Fr Gell; 11,15 Choral M. Fr Gell; 6.30
E. Fr M Fuller.
ST MARY'S. Bourne Street. SW1: 9, 10,7
IM; 11 HM, Missa brevis Uackson Hills,
Fr B Newton; b Solemn E & B. Fr B Newton; b Solemn E & B.

ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hilf8 HC: 10.10 Partsh Euch, Missa O quam
gloriosum (Victoria), Fr H Greenwood,
b Choral E, Canticles in D (Brewer), O
how glorious is the kingdom
(Harwood). how glorious is the kingdom Harwood).

ST PALLIS, Wilton Place, SWI: 8,0 HC; 11 Solenin Euch. Missa brevis Palestrina), Jehovah iPurrell), If ye love me (Tallis, Rev N Dawson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SWI: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch. Mass in Gischuberti, O death where is thy sting? Handel). Fr W Erges.

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**MATERIAL** 

Historically the Khyber Pass has been the gateway for invasions of the Indian sub-continent and many grim actions were fought by British troops amid the forbidding scenery.

The Afghans advanced on British India in three directions, by the Khyber and the Kurram routes in the north, and from Kandahar in the south. Fortunately, by herculean efforts, it was possible to move enough troops through the Khyber to the Landi Kotal plateau to prevent the Afghan army from debouching into the Peshawar Valley, to confine the lighting to the Afghan side of the Khyher Pass, and to maintain the troops there through the summer. But they were only maintained at great cost and with much loss from disease. During the hot months it is impossible to keep the followers. and often the troops, from drinking from unauthorized water supplies, and cholera has always broken out on such occasions. The strain on men and animals has always been

It was also amply proven in 1919 that the effect on India of allowing an enemy to emerge from the passes could not be risked, however theoretically sound it might be to wait for him on the hither side. The cooler atmosphere of Landi Kotal, long the headquarters of the Khyber Rifles, was where the invader was stayed in 1919.

The railway is 27 miles long from Jamrud, two miles from the entrance to the Pass, to a valley adjacent to the cantonment at Landi Kotal, where since 1919 a brigade has been located. The gauge is the standard gauge of India, 5ft. 6in., and climbs the gradients by a clever bit of siting without the racks that were at first considered necessary. The line follows more or less the course of the Khyher stream. which it crosses seven times high above flood level, one of the viaducts being 55(t, and one 80ft, above the level of the stream. There are 32 tunnels, of a total length of two-and-a-half miles, the longest of 1,400h. The steepest gradient is one over 25, and the sharpest curve has 818ft, radius, it is intended to use two of the ordinary heavy goods engines to a train.

#### **NEWS**

#### Goma falls to Rwandan army

■ Goma, a strategic city in eastern Zaire, yesterday fell to the invading Rwandan army in fierce street-by-street fighting alongside Zaire's Tutsi insurgents. The fall of the city is expected to trigger a new pogrom against the Tutsi population throughout the turbulent, sprawling country ..... ..... Pages 1, 15, 23

#### Outrage at Gascoigne selection

■ Paul Gascoigne was included in England's World Cup squad yesterday, provoking outrage among women's rights and religious groups which said he should be dropped over allegations that he beat his wife. Campaigners accused Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, of putting football before the safety of women and setting a good example to young people .......... Pages I. 3. 52

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Two youths were jailed vesterday for kicking a teenager to death in the front garden of his family's

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About 40 suspects are under arrest

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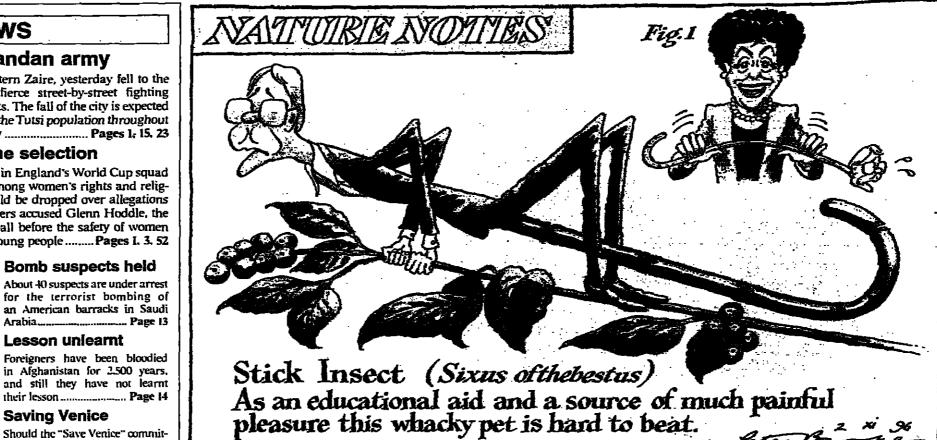
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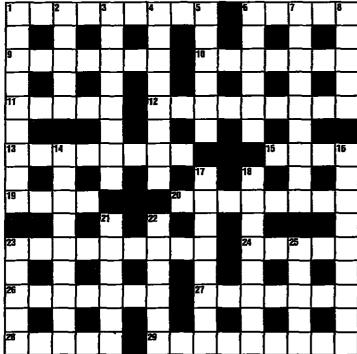
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- I Great excitement about black
- 6 Died leading brave retreat in
- 9 Rest of old article by novelist (7). 10 Dull, low, continuous sound produced by instrument (7).
- 11 Plot that may be trendy? (5). 12 Greeting Asian on top of the
- 13 It's not becoming a grind, if
- possible (5,3). 15 In fluctuating temperatures, one appears elegant (4).
- 19 Current supplier you're working
- 20 So much power in moving talk to
- 23 Fatal result of backing modern forms of transport (9). 24 Girl in pool (5). 26 Garment of cloth unfashionable
- in normal circumstances (7).

  27 Main casualty in Middle East?
- 28 Noble somewhat deficient as com-
- poser (5):
- 29 Honour in clubs, possibly, making a game of it (9).

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- I What makes running of course pleasant and relaxed? (4-5). 2 Girl taking in cities in France and
- 3 Get very excited about section of
- contest (8).

  4 One of the fruits of battle (8). 5 Gathering in (2-4).
- Used implement to reveal this
- 7 Unusually soft and hairy shrub
- 8 Bad spirit in heart of witness, appearing under protest (5).
- 14 Order member to gather in out-law (5,4).
- 16 Charming female shortened garment (5,4).
- 17 Moderate policy shown by tele-vision etc. (3,5). 18 It shows how much of the work remains to be finished (8).
- 21 Avoid a new channel (6). 22 Possibly provides an example of this sort of word (6).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

FORECAST General: northern England mostly dry and bright, but more cloudy with rain later. The rest of England and Wales will start cloudy with outbreaks of rain and drizzle, becoming brighter from the north. Scotland and Northern Ireland should have a bright morning

with blustery showers in the west. Through the afternoon and evening thickening cloud will spread, rain heavy at times from the west. ☐ London, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, S Wales, N Wales, Central N: cloudy with rain and drizzle clearing from north. Wind west to southwest, fresh to strong.

Max 17C (63F). SE England, Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England: mostly cloudy with rain or drizzle, becoming persistent later. Wind west to southwest, fresh to strong. Max 16C (61F). ☐ NW England, Lake District, Isle

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of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands: sunny spells and a few showers becoming cloudy with rain later. Wind west to south-west, strong. Max 14C (57F).

In the England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: mostly dry with sunny spells, becoming cloudy later with rain in evening. Wind west to southwest,

strong, Max 14C (57F). strong, Max 14C (3/F).

NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, N Ireland: sunny spells and showers becoming cloudy later with rain, heavy at times. Winds mainly west to southwest, strong to sale May 13C (555)

gale. Max 13C (55F). gale, max roc (301).

Shettand: cloudy with rain. Wind west to southwest, strong to near gale, moderating later. Max 8C (46F).

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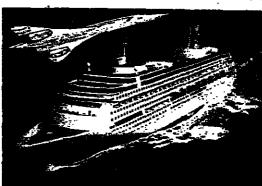
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**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2 1996** 



The sale of BrightReasons will represent a triumph for Michael Guthrie, who originally acquired the restaurants group from Grand Metropolitan

# BT and MCI in talks over possible merger

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BRITISH Telecom and MCI Communications, America's talks that may lead to a merger of the two businesses, it emerged last night. Such a merger would create the world's largest international telecommunica-

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Shares of MCI were suspended at \$30 ahead of confirmation of the talks, valuing the company at \$21 billion. BT, which already owns 20 percent of MCI, is expected to have to pay up to \$40 a share for control of the business.

Last night a spokesman for MCl said: "We have entered into negotations with BT on a

possible business combinasecond largest long-distance companies will continue today announcement is likely to be made, MCI said it expected the talks to conclude this weekend, with no guarantee an agreement would be reached.

BT, which failed in an attempt to merge with Cable and Wireless earlier this year, acquired its existing MCI interest at a cost of \$4.3 billion in 1994. Under that agreement, BT could not increase its stake for ten years without MCI's agreement, which means that the new plan to buy the whole of MCI has to

board. The two companies will tion." Talks between the two need official ratification of the deal from the British and US understood to have been taking place in Washington and London on the issue.

Analysts said, however, that because of a reciprocity agreement between the countries. the deal could go ahead as long as both companies had equal access to each other's markets. At present, US phone companies have more access to UK markets than the other

way round. BT is using Rothschild in London and Morgan Stanley in New York as its advisers on the deal. Lazard Frere acts for be ratified by the company's MCL BT has been trying for

several years to break into the lucrative US phone market with only limited success and the high costs of entry. The purchase of a stake in MCI was seen as an aggres-

sive move to establish a foothold in the market before the deregulation of the industry that took place earlier this MCI's stock jumped \$5 to \$30.625 on the Nasday index

after the CNBC television station reported that the companies were in talks. The exchange later halted trading in the stock.

MCI is almost certainly hoping to raise new capital from the deal to help it to

expand into new areas of business that have opened up to it as a result of deregulation. tors such as MCI are now permitted to break into the local phone market.

In May 1995 MCI and The News Corporation, the parent company of The Times, signed a \$2.4 billion deal to create a global entertainment and information joint venture. MCI invested \$2 billion to acquire a 13.5 per cent voting stake in News Corp. BT was originally invited to participate in the joint venture, but was precluded by UK legislation that prevents it from sending broadcast signals down its

#### Brewer in talks to acquire **Pizzaland**

By NOEL FUNG

WHITBREAD is negotiating the purchase of Bright Reasons Restaurant, the country's largest privately owned restaurant group which has a total of 180

Whitbread is believed to have originally offered around £50 million for BrightReasons, whose chains include Bella Pasta, Pizza Piazza and Pizzaland But the owners of Bright-Reasons have apparently suceeded in securing a bener deal. Negotiations have entered the due diligence stage and agree ment is expected to be reached by the end of the month.

BrightReasons is owned 86 per cent by Morgan Grenfell and Mercury Asset Management. The balance is held by Michael Guthrie and other founding directors. Mr Guthrie sought venture capita from Morgan Grenfell and Mercury Asset Management five years ago and bought most of the restaurant chain

from Grand Metropolitan. If the deal goes through, it will represent another success for Mr Guthrie who led the E95 million management buyout of Mecca Leisure in 1985 and took it to the stock

market just ten months later. It is believed that Whitbread is more interested in the sites rather than the brands, hoping to secure the sites to roll out its existing brands which include Beefeater, TGI Fridays, Thresher and Pizza Hut, which is 50

Whitbread will announce its interim results on Tuesday and analysts are forecasting profits of between £168 million and £175 million. against £155.7 million in the first half

of the previous year. In August Whithread bought the Pelican Group, owner of the Cafe Rouge and Dôme bistros, for £133

# WEEKEND



What the Budget box could late hold for you

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Are European trusts returning to fashion?

#### AWARD WINNERS



The Times Weekend Money section was this week named Personal Finance Newspaper of the Year at the Bradford & Bingley Personal Finance Media Awards, presented by Angela Knight MP Economic Secretary (centre above). Robert Miller (right) was named Personal Finance Journalist of the year

#### BUSINESS TODAY

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Output high Manufacturing output reached its highest level for 18

months in September.

#### given the green light By ROBERT MILLER

HUNDREDS of elderly inves-

Scheme (ICS).

tors who were sold unsuitable home income plans will step up their campaign for compensa-tion from the West Bromwich Building Society after a Court of Appeal ruling yesterday.

Handing down their unaninous judgement, Lord Justices Leggatt, Mummery and Swin-ton-Thomas gave the green light to some 300 investors to continue their action against the West Bromwich. The society provided the funding for the now banned stock marketlinked bonds through the failed adviser Fisher Prew-Smith.

The judges also ruled that if the investors were successful they could keep all the money

and not have to share it with the Investors Compensation

> Richard Barnett of Barnett Sampson, the law firm representing the investors, some of whom have debts of up to £50,000, said: "We are delight-ed this final hurdle has been overcome. We can now concentrate on obtaining redress from the society and we expect

to be in court next April."
Stephen Karle, the West
Bromwich secretary, said that the plans were sold through an independent adviser and the society could not be

Anne Ashworth, page 33 the foreign exchange markets

#### West Brom investors | Advisers warn Clarke against cut in tax

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE TREASURY's panel of independent forecasters yesterday told to Kenneth Clarke. the Chancellor, not to cut taxes when he presents the Budget

on November 26. The majority of the panel, dubbed the six wise people, called for a tightening of fiscal policy in the Budget, arguing that the economy was already growing at a fast enough rate. The panel also offered broad

support for further rate increases, although the report was completed before Wednesday's quarter-point base rate rise and the subsequent rise in sterling. The pound forged ahead on

again vesterday, the tradeweighted index closing at 90.9 from an overnight level of 90.2. At one stage, sterling hit \$1.6409 against the dollar, close to a four-year high, before falling back to close at \$1.6375 and DM2.4836.

The absence of an overall consensus on the panel's re-port ensures that Mr Clarke's hands remain free ahead of the Budget. The City is forecasting a £2 billion tax giveaway. Of the advisory team, only Patrick Minford, Professor of Economics at Liverpool University, argued for tax

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# Pythons test virtue of Paragon

BLESSED indeed are the cheesemakers, and verily, many makers of dairy products will be needed to heal the rift between the Monty Python team, the distributors of their. film Life of Brian and Channel

Life of Brian, which chronicled the life of an unwilling messiah in the Holy Land 2,000 years ago and was always claimed to be based on no one in particular, has created plenty of fuss since it was made in 1978 and immediately attacked by Malcohn Muggeridge and others as blasphemous. The latest dis-



Life of Brian is now the subject of a High Court action year deal allowing unlimited

The idea of any scenes from

Brian, with its full frontal

tion, a Canadian film distributor that has the rights to Brian and other output from George Harrison's Handmade Films. pute is in the High Court.

The Pythons are suing Paragon
gon Entertainment Corporarecently struck a \$100,000, 25day teatime might seem alarming enough to believers, but the Pythons say their main grouse is artistic. They want to ensure their work is shown uncut, as required by the. contract with Paragon.

Roger Saunders, of Python (Monty) Pictures, said that the company believed the film had been shown in a number of jurisdictions, and in a cut form. Since these include Slovenia, a deeply Catholic country, and the US, home of the Bible Belt, this seems a fair bet. He accused Paragon of a seemingly total disregard for any of our rights in the film". Channel 4 said it would

vigorously defend the action. nudity and singalong at the Crucifixion, joining The Guns The film has been shown twice of Navarone and Genevieve in Britain — uncut.

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#### Manufacturing output reaches 18-month high

By Alasdair Murray

FRESH evidence of the improving health of Britain's manufacturing sector emerged yesterday, with new figures showing output reaching its highest level in IS

The purchasing managers' index, compiled by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, rose to a seasonally adjusted 54.5 per cent in October, compared with 53.5 ner cent in September - the fifth consecutive monthly increase. The sector also enjoyed the first significant increase in employment since early 1995. with the employment index rising from 50.5 to 52.6.

But prices remained subdued, falling for a 12th consecutive month, suggesting that the increase in activity would have little impact on inflation in the near future.

The survey was conducted before Wednesday's rise in

#### House prices up again

HOUSE prices rose 0.8 per cent last month, according to the Nationwide Building Society's monthly index, and are now 7.9 per cent higher than a year ago (Caroline Merrell writes).

Philip Williamson, Nationwide's marketing and commercial director, said: "This year's trend of rising house prices is at last being complemented by a stronger trend in house sales." However, he added: "The recovery has much further to go."

The October increase is the tenth monthly rise in succession. But the latest figures from the banks show some slowdown in mortgage advances since the summer.

base rates. Economists said vesterday that the base' rate increase and the continuing appreciation in sterling were likely to dampen manufactur-

ing output in coming months.
Jonathan Loynes, UK economist at HSBC markets, said: "The upturn is still quite modest and the strength of the pound will be doing manufacturers no favours at all neither will the base rate

The institute said that the improvement in the index was driven partly by a large in-crease in demand for consumer goods.

☐ A key gauge of economic activity in America posted an eighth straight monthly increase in September, although it was the smallest gain in the

string of monthly rises.
The Index of Leading Indicators, which is supposed to forecast economic trends six to nine months ahead, was barely up by 0.1 per cent after a 0.2 per cent increase in August.



#### BSkyB lifts first-quarter profits 31%

BSkyB, the satellite television company, achieved a 31 per cent increase in pre-tax profits, to £66 million, in the first quarter. The total number of subscribers rose by (46,000, to

5.65 million. Sam Chisholm, chief executive and managing director, said: The company has performed strongly in the first quarter and has achieved sig-

nificant growth in both revenue and profits."

Operating revenues rose by 24 per cent, to £266 million, and operating profits grew by 20 per cent, to £79 million. Earnings per share rose by 30 per cent.

Subscriptions accounted for 86 per cent of revenues. Revenue from cable subscriptions grew by 49 per cent, compared with 22 per cent growth in satellite dish subscriptions.

BSkyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, publisher of The Times, said that dish sales had a slow start to the year because of coverage of events such as Euro 96 and the Olympic Games on the main terrestrial channels.

The launch of new channels, and the screening of Premier

League soccer, had helped to improve subscriber levels in

September the group said. In the first half BSkyB launched a second entertainment channel, Sky 2, and a third sports channel. Further additions, including yester-day's launch of Sky Scottish and The Computer Channel, make 40 channels available.

Clean bill of health for Salomon

BY ROBERT MILLER

SALOMON BROTHERS. one of the largest independent investment banking groups. was yesterday given a clean bill of bealth by the Securities and Putures Authority (SFA). In October 1995 the SFA

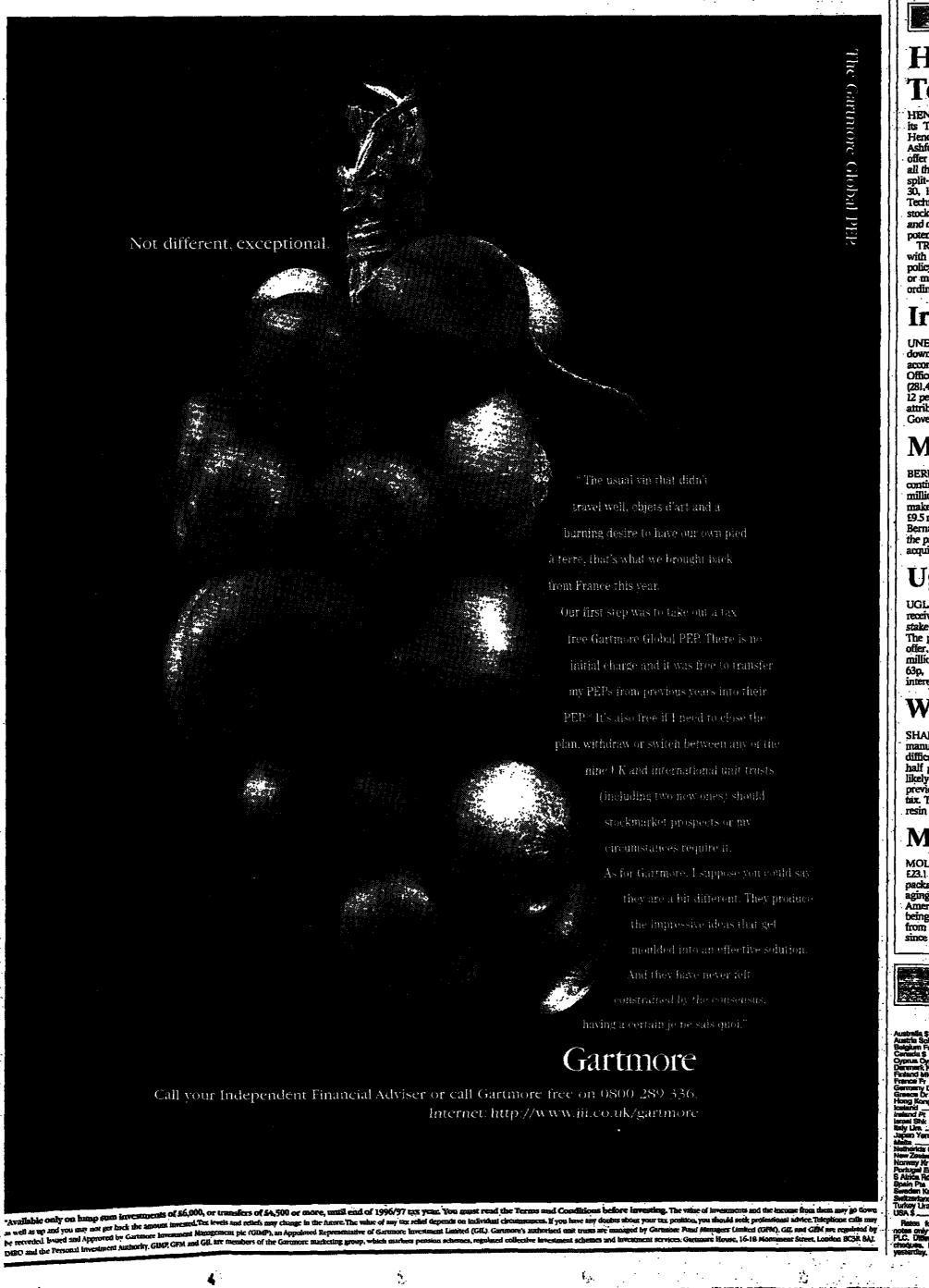
served a notice on Salomor ordering it to report monthly after an accounting error led to a \$194 million pre-tax bookkeeping loss.

At the time of imposing its

Salomon had breached rules governing its control systems, which had "failed to keep pace with the expansion and complexity of the business".

Salomon, which in 1994 incurred a pre-tax loss of \$770 million because of poor trading results and an accumulation of book-keeping errors that cost \$217 million, was ordered to present special monthly reports to the SFA.

The SFA said yesterday that based on monthly information supplied by Salomon over the past 12 months, the watchdog is now satisfied that the changes implemented by Salomon Brothers are operating effectively, and con-siders that the conditions can



#### Henderson unveils **Technology trust**

HENDERSON INVESTORS hopes to raise £150 million with its Technology investment trust, unveiled yesterday. The Henderson newcomer, which will be managed by Brian Ashford-Russell, will also take the opportunity to make an offer to investors in the £370 million TR Technology trust for all three classes of shares, as well as the packaged units. The split-level TR Technology trust is due to be wound up on April 30, 1998, and investors can roll-over into the Henderson Technology trust. Mr Ashlord-Russell said: Technology stocks make up 20 per cent of the world market capitalisation and offer some of the most exciting opportunities around. The potential for technology is vast."

TR investors will have the choice of continuing until 1998 with a highly geared capital structure and an investment policy of progressively increasing the liquidity in the portfolio; or maintain their exposure to the technology sector through ordinary shares and warrants in the new trust.

#### Ireland reduces jobless

UNEMPLOYMENT in the Republic of Ireland continued its downward trend with the biggest reduction of recent months. according to yesterday's figures from the Central Statistics THE KOL (CROSSEL A (281,400, September) giving an unemployment rate of around 12 per cent. Prionsias de Rossa, Minister of Social Welfare, attributed the reductions to increased investment and a Government clampdown on fraudulent claims.

#### Matthews acquisition

BERNARD MATTHEWS, the processed meat producer, has continued its expansion into continental Europe with the £5 million acquisition of Bartsch Group, a German sausage maker. Bartsch made profits of £600,000 in 1995 on sales of 19.5 million. It is the company's first subsidiary in Germany. Bernard Mathews, which has not made any acquisitions in the past two years, said that it hoped to make more overseas acquisitions. It already owns a factory in Hungary.

#### Ugland in \$200m deal

UGLAND International Holdings, the shipping group, has received the go-ahead to buy the Ugland family's 50 per cent stake in Hual, a Norwegian vehicle carrier, for \$200 million. The purchase will be financed through a placing and open offer, raising E54.4 million, and new bank borrowings of E44.9 million. The seven-for-three placing priced Ugland's shares at 63p, valuing the company at ES2.4 million. The family's interest in Ugland rises to 42.47 per cent (36.88 per cent).

#### Wolstenholme warning

SHARES in Wolstenholme Rink fell 92'2p, to 785p, after the manufacturer of printing materials said that, because of difficult trading conditions in September and October, secondhalf profits would fall short of expectations and were now likely to be in line with first-half profits of £3.7 million. In the previous full year, Wolstenholme earned £75 million before tax. The company announced the £7.2 million disposal of the resin division of Wolstenholme International, a subsidiary.

#### Molins buys Langen

MOLINS is doubling the size of its packaging arm with the E23.1 million acquisition of Langer, which makes case packaging machines. The deal will allow Molins to offer packaging in both boxes and bags and will take it into North America, where Langen generates most of its sales. The deal is being financed by a £2.2 million share issue and £20.9 million from reserves and borrowings. It is Molins's first acquisition since its £28 million takeover of Sandiacre last year.



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The game is called Brandicide: choose a well-known brand name and think of an incongruous product area to send it into - a Persil chocolate bar, for example. Ludicrous? Maybe, but who could have imagined that Cadbury would apply its name to a liqueur, or that Del Monte would launch a range of cook-in sauces . . ? 🤊

Sunday Times, tomorrow

Business Focus - The

#### A WORKING WEEK FOR: ANTON MOSIMANN

The champagne chef with an eye for detail

Jon Ashworth meets a man whose career has

catered to celebrities at all the best places

hursday Dorchester.

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\_∩ the height Anton Mostmann, head chef at The riday of decided to

own. The years since have confirmed his place as one of the world's professional people. We have most prolific chefs, with two TV series, eight cookery books, and numerous awards to his name. Mosimann's, the private London dining club, entertains royals and celebrities, while a party service caters for venues from the Hurlingham dub to Windsor Castle. A new cookery school, the Mosimann Academy, lures chefs and connoisseurs from far and wide.

Mosimann's passion is the club, located in a Victorian church building in Belgravia, an enormous chandelier suspended over immaculate ta-bles. Champagne glasses await the arrival of the first luncheon guests, framed menus line the walls, and there is a sketch of Mosimann straddling Concorde, a steaming dish balanced in each

Mosimann emerges from white linen, the trademark "M" in red on his lapel. "My first love obviously has to be the club," he says. "It's my home here, in many ways." Home, such as it is, plays host to some famous names. The Prince of Wales and Diana, Princess of Wales, threw their Christmas staff party here two days after announcing their separation. Regulars include Jerry Hall, Shirley Bassey, Bruce Oldfield, and Trevor McDonald. Richard Branson feted the Rolling Stones there before signing them to his not in a positive and support-virgin label in 1991. Membering mood, it will show. I'm a ship is £500 a year with a £200 joining fee — meals excluded.

Life for Mosimann, at 49, is a whirl of celebrities and venues. The evening before. fresh back from three days filming in Switzerland (or fillmeeng in Sweet-zer-land, as it sounds in his heavy Swiss-German accent) he was cooking for the Prince of Wales at-Mansion House. A net series, Naturally Mosimann, is due to be shown

next month. Then there is the publicity tour for his latest book, Mosimann's World. Mosimann's "empire", such as it is, enjoys sales of more than £5 million a year. His routine in London finds him shuttling between home in Kensington, shared with his

wife, Kathrin, the school in Battersea, and Mosimann's. He runs three to five miles at least five times a week, either club at The Berkeley. Engagements take him to America. the Far East and Bermuda. I'm a very lucky person, of course," he says, radiating modesty. "I enjoy what I'm doing. I get up in the morning and I feel good, I feel proud, I working in a kitchen in the

In 1988, at feel motivated, and I can't wait South of France, "I have not the height to go to work. When I put my pushed them. I have not forced chef's jacket on I feel even better, I feel happier."

Mosimann is particularly proud of the academy — his "school" - which opened in Battersea in April. "It is a very go on his nice way of being able to share different ideas with the public, with foodies, but also with chefs there from all over the world who come and take courses, seminars, and that's been very successful." Ask Mosimann to name the

famous people for whom he has cooked and he hands you a 19-page document. It lists everyone from the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to F. W. de Klerk, Kirk Douglas, and Ronald Reagan. One of his most ambitious endeayours was cooking for 1,400 at the Duke of Edinburgh's 70th burthday celebrations in the grounds of Windsor Castle, "It was an enormously grand occasion and something to remember for life." he says.

Chefs face as pressured a job as any, but Mosimann insists that shouting and screaming is not his style. "I always like to use the carrot instead of the stick." Literally the kitchen, immaculate in a carrot? "Maybe a glass of champagne," he laughs. "You

> **6** You never get a second chance to make a first impression 9

really need those people to work with you. If the staff are great believer in motivation."

The approach harks back to his years as a trainee chef in Switzerland, when he witnessed the tantrums of chefs first-hand. "I was treated extremely badly when I was very young. I said, one day, when I'm a chef myself, I will not tolerate that at all."

His enthusiasm is infecdous. Not even the rigot long-haul travel can defeat him. "Flying for me is a joy," he says. I enjoy the kind of peace for a few hours - with a glass of champagne or two -and I vurk, I constantly vurk. Im a complete vurkaholic. You'll never see me sitting still for ten minutes without looking at a book, or looking at notes, or whatever. I carry lots of notes on the plane and I work on them while I'm

He flies first class - British Airways "about 95 per cent of the time" - and makes two or three trips a year on Concorde. Ask about his two sons and a glow of satisfaction creeps across his face. The elder, Philipp, 21, is at hotel school

in Lausanne. Mark, 19, is

travelling. But that's fun."

them at all. It is their own choice, their own decision. "It just proves the point, it's

exciting out there. [There are] enormous possibilities in our business today. There are very few professions I can think of where you can be creative, innovative can be travelling the world, meet the most exciting people you can ever meet, and yet you get paid for

it as well." Mosimann was 28 when he became head thef at The Dorchester. He took charge of 132 chefs, some of whom had been working there before he was born. "It was quite a challenge coming in as a youngster, but my God, I learnt so much. Six months later, all those chefs became good friends, and I had I3 very happy, very successful years, including a second star, two guide. There are not many chefs right now in London head chels - who have not been working with me at The

Dorchester in those days." He is emhusiastic in his praise of London and all things British. "I like London very much. I like the Brits very much, their attitude, their style. I love them because they appreciate good food. They've been part of a whole wave of new ideas. That's why London is now one - if not the world city in food."

If Mosimann has a weak point, it is his obsession with everything being just so. He admits: "I'm a details person, I love details. I live with details. I get slightly nervous when I straight." His school, he says, has 300 box files, all neatly ordered. "I love organisation. I hate clutter. Don't like it."

He plans his day with the efficiency of a Swiss timepiece. Lunch and the attentions of his guests will lead to an afternoon run, followed by an next day, a Saturday, will find him at the academy, demonstrating for visitors, before cooking at the club in the evening: Sunday will find him in his office, going through his "I'd fainer spend iv three hours on a Sunday in the paper work - most of it, anyway — than try to fit it m during the week when you're busy meeting people and

Mosimann works seven days a week and expresses horror at the suggestion that he might consider taking a holiday. "I think I would get bored after a few days."

being in the kitchen.

Life, he says, is about seizing the moment. "Yesterday, you can't change, it's gone," he says. Tomorrow, we hope, we try, it's right now. And that's the way I like to live. It's right now. Make the best out of it. You never get a second chance to make a first impression." And with that, he returned

to the kitchen.



Anton Mosimann is a great believer in motivation and favours the carrot, or perhaps even champagne, approach in his relations with workers



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#### Derbyshire gem of a design guru

a design guru of kinchenware, with a shop in London's Sloane Square and a rapidly growing mail order business. But he has also moved into another area, collaborating with Michael Hopkins and Partners, the firm of architects, to build a factory in Derbyshire for his

cutiery-making arm. in the middle District National Park, an area of outstanding natu-

Hallowed ground to conservationists you might think, and certainly not the sort of place some would offer up for a

However, it should be pointed out that the factory occupies a site previously taken up by a British Gas tank 100 ft in diameter. The building, of natural stone, is a fine example of Michael Hopkins and Partners' eye for fitting into context. Since completion in 1990 fashioned factory producing

core of the Mellor business. from the start. Mellor Sheffield College of Art and the Royal College of Art. In 1954, at the age of 24, he set shop in Sheffield and quick-

> the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths and the Cutiers' Company. opened his first

London shoo in Sloane Square specialising in

this run, the giant bicyclekitchen wheel structure of the roof rises in double layers of

Finnish pine plywood towards the central hub. The external look is that of igloo-shaped shepherd's hut, subtle, low-level building that sits well in the unspoilt surroundings. Inside is a fascinating, small-scale, old-

Joanna Pitman

avid Mellor has est the building has won a host high-quality, hand-turned tablished himself as of awards, including the cutlery.

a design guru of RIBA National Award, the Cutlery has been at the Royal Fine Art Commission/Sunday Times "Building of the Year" award. the Council for the Preservation of Rural England award. and the BBC Design Award. The factory combines traditional materials with mod-

ern structural techniques. ly established a reputation Natural stone and steel form sufficient to win commis-The five-acre factory site is the perimeter shell and from sions to design and make silver for,

The stone building has won a host of awards

and tableware. Then, in the early Seventies, Mellor embarked on the restoration of Broom Hall, an historic building in Sheffield. His design for setting up workshops for specialist cutlery production there won an Architectural Heritage

#### Volatile Wall Street adds to worries in London

EOUITIES and gilts ended a turbulent week with further hefty losses as investors continued to reflect on the Chancellor's decision to raise interest rates for the first time in two years before the Budget.

Government securities were left nursing falls of almost £34. as share prices attempted to find a new support level. But early volatility on Wall Street, in the wake of the latest US non-farm payroll numbers, only served to undermine confidence. Investors appeared reluctant to open fresh positions before next week's US presidential election.

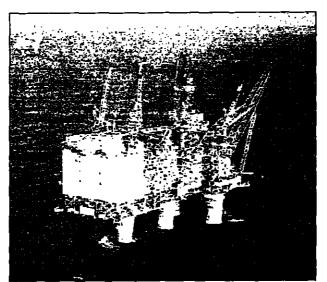
In the event, the FT-SE 100 index finished 30.6 down at 3.948.5 in thin trading that saw vollume reach 009 million shares. It stretches the fall on the week for the index to 73.9. Leading companies were marked lower as they faced up

to the prospect posed by a stronger pound, Among the fallers were ICI, i4p to 775p. GKN. 7p to Ell.48. Reuters. 11p to 753 2p, and BTR, 5 2p to 252p. Building shares were also knocked for six as the pound gained ground against the mark. Those companies with interests in Germany include RMC Group, down op at £10.76½ p. Redland, 3p at 419p, and Blue Circle Industries, 4/2 p at 394p.

The biggest falls were seen in oils as the price of crude turned easier on world markets edging down towards the \$22 a barrel level. Shell fell a further 27p to 980p, in response to Thursday's disappointing third-quarter figures. Next week its the turn of BP, 15p lower at 646p. Brokers fear it may be a repeat performance with further margin erosion in downstream activities. Analysts are also worried about the disparity between prices of North Sea and Alaskan oil. Other oil stocks to lose ground included Enterprise, lop to 54012 p. Lasmo. 7p to 207p.

and Tullow Oil. 2p to \$414 p. Continuing worries about litigation relating to tobaccorelated diseases in the US left BAT Industries down 8p at a new low for the year of 420p. A total of II million shares

changed hands. Better than expected firstquarter figures from BSkyB failed to cut much ice with the City, leaving the shares 105p lower at 569p. Last week, the price came within a whisker of £7. But it later suffered a relapse on regulatory worries and news that The News



The biggest price falls were seen among the oil shares

Corporation, parent company of The Times, was putting up its 40 per cent stake, held via News International, as collateral for an issue of preference shares to raise \$1.25 billion. Yesterday's figures showed pre-tax profits at BSkyB up 31 per cent at £66 million.

BSkyB plans to invest heavily in digital television over the next few years. That should be

back of some positive comments. UBS, the broker, has been telling clients that PowerGen, up a further 9p at 519p. has been oversold on regulatory worries and should be bought. It has targeted a price of 730p and points out the rating is 30 per cent cheaper than rival National Power. 2p easier at 405p on profit-taking. PowerGen is

Associated British Foods fell 5p to 417p as NatWest Securities, the broker, urged clients to reduce their holdings ahead of full-year figures on Monday. Profits are expected to grow from £375 million to £418 million, but NatWest says that unless figures are materially ahead of expectations, they are likely to prompt profit-taking.

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good news for the likes of Pace Microsystems, which makes the decoders for digital television systems. The shares responded with a rise of 5½p

Whitbread, which reports interim figures next week, rose 122p to 7332p. The group yesterday announced it is in talks with BrightReasons Restaurants about the sale of its pizza and pasta chains.

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also said to have been talking to American institutional investors allaying fears about a Labour Government imposing a windfall tax.

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National Grid slipped 3p to

A stock overhang left John-

#### Brussels: A profits warning saw Wolstenhome Rink tumble 92½p to 785p. The improved Paris: CAC-10 . Zurich: trading condition seen during the summer had failed to be London: maintained. Shares of Kenmare Resources were briefly suspend-FTSE 350 ... ed before publication of the interim figures showing losses increasing from £26,252 to FT Fixed Interest almost a million pounds. BHP FT Govt Secs has taken operational control of the Congolone Mineral Sands joint venture. The shares were later re-quoted German Mark Exchange Index and ended the session un-Bank of England official close (4pm) changed at 293 p. £:ECU Macro 4, the computer software specialist, held steady at RPT ....... 153.8 Sep (2.1%) Jan 1987=100 RPIX ...... 153.6 Sep (2.9%) Jan 1987=100 495p, in spite of announcing plans to arrange a share buy-back in order to enhance earnings. The group has RECENT ISSUES

shareholder approval to buy

up to one million shares, or 5

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Chemex International was

steady at 74p after warning

that full-year profits would fall

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A marginal increase in first-

half profits at Burtonwood

Brewery failed to impress

brokers and left the shares

24 p easier at 180p. But UDO

ment group, lost 7p at 190p

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latest US non-Farm payroll

numbers. Even so, bonds in

London failed to hold onto an

early lead. They turned easier

along with German bunds

after reports that a large seller

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

#### **TEMPUS** The steel in sterling

NOT content with the fraud-detecting metal strip in our bank notes, the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England this week inserted a rolled steel joist into the currency. Already propped up with the highest short-term deposits available almost anywhere, currency speculators could not believe their good luck at the hike in the base rate and immediately began parking their spare cash in sterling accounts.

The Chancellor and the Governor believe the pound needs structural reinforcement - inflation is coming, they warn darkly. Like graduate civil engineers, they feel the need to overbuild and reinforce. Besides, steel is cheap and British steel is strongest. Indeed. but spare a thought for the manufacturer. British Steel needs to sell its product abroad. particularly in Europe, where German and French people also make cheap steel. Will they still want to buy good British steel if it costs II per cent more

· The share price of British Steel, which fell again today, suggests that the market believes they will not. About a quarter of the company's sales are denominated in Deutschemarks – some \$\mathbb{G}\$ billion – and the City is worried about a potential \$250 million hit. Chemicals manufacturers are also likely victims. About one fifth of ICI's exports are priced in the German currency and in the developing world the company is selling a dollar-denominated product. Britain's oil companies too are selling a dollar commodity. Motor vehicle assemblers, who have flocked to Britain, attracted by low-cost manufacturing will suddenly find their input costs (labour, energy, steel) increasing in relation to the price the cars fetch on the Continent.

Among the FTSE-100 companies, more than half of their sales are made outside the

UK. For many with factories abroad, the problem is in translating dollar or Deutschemark earnings into sterling but for those who use British labour in British factories, there is a competitiveness problem. If the pound strengthens further, expect

coni makes little sense and

the share market's enthusi-

asm about BAe is, in part

predicated on a bid by GEC

for its aerospace rival. This

may be premature but GEC's

dull market average rating is

worthy of a company going nowhere rather than one at

the centre of an industry in

upheaval. In the circum-

back off. The question is

whether Gehe's cash bid

merely matches UniChem's

share offer or trumps it. In

the latter case, it will clearly win, but UniChem reckons it

can offer investors a route to

earnings growth. Local phar-

macies are benefiting from double-digit sales growth in

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Only a few months ago

UniChem might have won

that argument. Today, with

more of a concern, fund

tors might even consider

buying UniChem shares. It

would force Gehe to make a

higher cash offer for their

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A disappointment for

GEC's new chief executive

but this is not the end of the

story. A European defence

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#### GEC/BAe

BRITISH Aerospace has been showing a clean pair of heels to its sometime rival, GEC. The industrial and defence conglomerate has just kept pace with market average growth of about 8 per cent since the beginning of the year. Meanwhile, BAe has gained 45 per cent with a surge of optimism about

defence spending. To compare the two companies is unfair on many levels. GEC is more broadlybased; a reliable, if dull. performer, tracking the index,

while BAe has been a volatile, even poor investment. Yet the two companies are locked in a political struggle over future European defence alliances. BAe's recent share price strength has much to do with the belief that it has

secured an important seat at

the negotiating table. A joint

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#### UniChem/Lloyds

UNICHEM'S directors are getting a little nervous about the company's share price. The anxiety is understandable. The value of its mixed share-and-cash bid for Lloyds Chemists is a function of the UniChem share price.

Two weeks ago, when UniChem launched its sec-

DOLLAR RATES

Friday to decide whether or not to make an offer.

Gehe has played it cool since the Government gave conditional approval to both bids. The German wholesaler has criticised UniChem for overpaying, pointing to moves to abolish price controis on over-the-counter (OTC) medicines.

But Gehe has every reason to look sniffy about Lloyds. Its apparent indifference has two useful effects. By suggesting easts doubt on UniChem's strategy, making its shares look less attractive. Gehe also benefits because a weak UniChem share price lowers the threshold at which it can launch its own offer. Because Gehe is offering cash, investors will be indifferent to

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WALL STREET

in the sector.

#### In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the Long Gilt ond bid for the pharmacy group, the offer was worth finished E<sup>21</sup>/<sub>32</sub> lower at E108<sup>21</sup>/<sub>32</sub> as the total number 505p, including 93p of cash. resterday Lloyds Chemists of contracts completed shareholders were looking at an offer worth only 495p, NEW YORK: US stocks compared with a market were near unchanged in heavy For a bidder to suffer a midday trading as the morning's gyrations gave way to sagging share price in the more mundane Friday dealearly stages of a takeover is ings after fresh economic renot unusual. Investors worry about dilution from a large ports reaffirmed a slowing economy with scant inflationshare issue, but in this case whether or not it overpays. ary pressures. The Dow Jones the focus is not on UniChem After so much fuss, Gehe industrial average stood at 6,030.87, down 1.49 points. would look silly were it to but on Gehe, which has until Closing Prices Page 45

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# An early peek into Kenneth's box

uring his time at Number 11, Kenneth Clarke has become more famous for tinkering with taxes, than abolishing them. The Budget on November 26 will be the last before a general election and the Chancellor will have to balance financial prudence with the need to woo the electorate. Some City experts are forecasting £4 billion of tax cuts while John Major hinted this week he would like to move towards a 20p basic rate of tax. Some commentators have suggested Wednesday's quarter-point rise in the base rate will give Mr Clarke scope for tax cuts. Reports by Anne Ashworth, Sara McConnell and Sarah Jones.

#### **Experts offer** tax-cut tips

s the Budget approaches, some tax specialists admit being in a quandary. Convinced that Kenneth Clarke is much likelier to cut taxes than to raise them, they feel that they should tell clients not to act before November 26.

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Elspeth May, tax partner in KPMG, believes that Mr Clarke does not have higher taxes in mind, but adds that doing nothing carries a risk. She said: "Suppose the election is called for May I, almost the latest possible date, and suppose Labour wins with a large majority. This would allow them to hold a quick Budget within weeks in which they could, if they wished, overturn any of Mr Clarke's measures from his November 1996 Budget, by backdating their own changes to April 6 1997."

However, others feel that the Chancellor, a consummate ainty over Labour's fiscal intentions to his advantage. Maurice Fitzpetrick, of Chantrey Vellacott, said: "If Mr Clarke cuts income tax and abstains when this proposal is put to the vote, he can turn the tables on Labour, claiming that they intend to reverse the cuts and impose higher taxes if they come to power."

Many expect Mr Clarke to tinker with capital gains tax and inheritance tax. This week, John Major reaffirmed his aim to abolish these taxes to ensure that "wealth cascades down the generations".

Last year, about 90,000 people faced a capital gains tax bill. However, it seems that Mr Clarke would win more favour with voters by soften-ing the blow of inheritance tax. which was paid by only 18,000 people, because it is seen as a tax on thrift, impeding parents' desire to pass the fruits of their labours on to their children. Last year, the inheritance tax threshold was raised from E154,000 to £200,000.

the Chancellor could raise this to £300,000, excluding the vast ing the Government's eventu-



tax. This would cost £450 million, which could be met by doubling airport duty.

Accountants point out that abolishing capital gains tax would result in widespread tax avoidance, as the rich rushed to convert income into capital gains. However, Mr Clarke could lift the annual exemption from £6,300 to £10,000, at a negligible cost of £35 million, and be seen to encourage thrift and enterprise.

uts to income tax seem to be a foregone conclu-✓ sion, with most predictoff the basic rate, now 24 per cent. A 1 per cent decrease majority of households from (costing £1.3 billion) would inheritance tax and underlin-save the average taxpayer just 50p a week, half the price of a

believes that the Chancellor would find a 2 per cent cut

more appealing.
He said: "A 2 per cent cut would look good in the head-lines. It would also bring the greatest relative benefit to those earning between £18,000 and £29,000, the higher-rate tax threshold, who would pay tax at 22 per cent on most of their income. These are the B. C1-C2 voters that the Conservatives need to win over."

Charles Levett-Scrivener, of Towry Law financial advisers. thinks Mr Clarke may announce a series of tax cuts to 1996-97. 21 per cent the follow-ing year and 20 per cent the next. He also says the Budget may allow over-65s who earn more than £15,000 to get the

#### Hands-off warning from lenders

enders are praying that the Chancellor does not announce any measures in the Budget to upset the fragile equilibrium of the housing market, particularly following this week's 0.25 per cent rise in base rates.

In a marked change from previous years, the Council of Mortgage Lenders is not pressing for any special help for borrowers in this year's Budget. It says: "Our message is 'steady as she goes'. Let the market take its course. Leave tax relief alone and don't introduce anything which could introduce distortions."

Last year, when the housing market was still moribund, lenders urged the Chancellor to introduce changes to boost the market, includabolition of stamp duty on homes costing more than £60,000. None of these came to fruition. The Halifax, the largest mortgage lender, echoed the CML's sentiments, calling for a steady hand as the market shows signs of improvement. The society's monthly price index shows that house prices have risen 5.2 per cent

over the year. But the society says any rise in the cost of borrowing could harm the recovery.

This would include any further reductions in mortgage interest relief at source (Miras). The relief has been reduced steadily since 1994 when was restricted to 20 per cent on the first £30,000 of mortgage interest. Since April 1995 it has been further restricted and now stands at 15

#### Crackdown looms for NI tax loopholes

is speculation that the Chancellor may finally abolish the loopholes allowing employers to avoid tax on large bonuses to executives. By paying these bonuses not in cash, but in assets as diverse as greyhounds, life insurance policies and Savile Row suits, companies can escape 10.2 per cent employer National Insurance and handsomely reward workers.

The companies need only ensure that the items are not negotiable, not encashable and not traded on any market to circumvent regulations already introduced in an attempt to put an end to this tax-saving stratagem. The Government has succeeded in outlawing schemes based on gold bars, diamonds and cash unit trusts, but tax specialists have always found alternatives.

Some accountancy firms are now drawing up schemes, believing that the Chancellor may move to extend employer National Insurance to all employee benefits, without exclusion. The firms concerned will not be drawn on they are using.

Forcing employers to pay NI on all benefits is seen as politically acceptable. One specialist remarked: "It's an easy area to attack."

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#### Possible rethink on savings

he Government could introduce tax relief on savings put aside for tion, according to Mr Levett-Scrivener, who points out that the ever-decreasing student grant means many more students have to rely on financial

support from their parents.
"Tax relief would help
many Tory voters," he said. To encourage the nation to make provision for its old age, the Chancellor is unlikely to reduce the generous pension tax breaks available. These include the tax-free lump sum on retirement and higher-rate relief on contributions. To

promote other types of long-term saving, he could give individuals a new allowance to set against investment income from savings, replacing the current tax-efficient schemes, Personal Equity Plans (Peps) and Tax Exempt Special Savings Accounts (Tessas).

The Building Societies Association is calling for Peps and Tessas to be replaced with a personal allowance. This would remove existing tax breaks from Peps and Tessas, which the BSA believes are confusing because they have been introduced in a "piecemeai" fashion.

Mr Parry-Wingfield

Deloitte & Touche suggests that an alternative would be to introduce a new Personal Investment Plan (Pip). This would allow savers to invest a certain amount tax free in a plan without having to follow set rules about the types of investments held within the plan. Mr Parry-Wingfield adds that Labour is working on a similar proposal. Mr Clarke might wish to preempt

Last year the Chancellor sprang a surprise for basic rate taxpayers with savings in building societies and bank corporate bonds and unit trusts by

Basic rate taxpayers now pay only 20 per cent on their interest, although their tax rate is 24 per cent (previously 25 per cent). Higher rate taxpayers continue to pay tax

on their interest at 40 per cent. The Chancellor is believed to be unlikely to make further moves in this direction. If he does introduce some kind of personal allowance or personal investment plan, the allowance could work out less generous than existing tax breaks on Peps and Tessas because he is strapped for

#### Wrap up for autumn winds

surprise for investors in the UK stock market. Falling prices, a minimal interest rate rise that defied the City consensus and, yes, autumn gales. Enough investors and City folk still remember the great gale of October 1987, and share prices falling like uprooted trees straight afterwards, to make last week one of mild anxiety, finger-crossing and much scratching about the financial statistics to see if there might be any plausible reason for history to repeat itself. There was not Examination will not turn up much

comparable to the overblown share price boom of 1987, at least in the UK. In that year, the FT-SE 100 index rose so precipitously that, even after the worst postwar crash, it still ended the year slightly higher than it had started. How different from 1996, when the

London market has had long dull periods. True, share prices rose by 12 per cent between mid-July and mid-October, but that still left the index only 1012 per cent up since new year, at its peak in effect, all the year's earnings and divi-dend growth were translated into stock market values in three months.

After that, you would expect the shortterm setback of the past couple of weeks and a dull patch until a new buying story or new money flows turn up. Most analysts thought that prices were slightly ahead of the long-term trend at the start of the year and the latest novelties

are not encouraging.

Some of the wilder special dividend and buyback schemes have been scotched. Sterling is becoming too strong



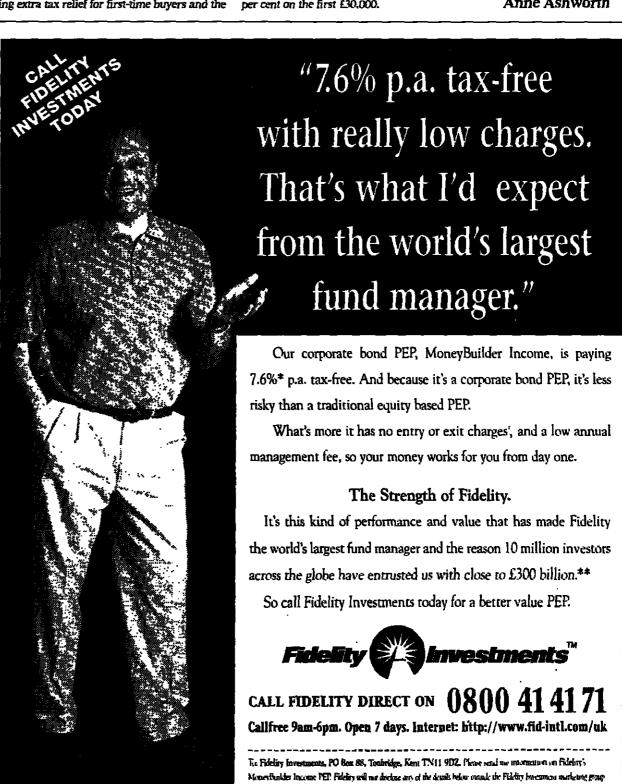
for comfort for exporters of run-of-themill products and will not help reported profits of groups that earn a lot from operations in other currencies. Interest rates are widely expected to edge up modestly again next year, rather than down, whoever wins a general election. And the prospect of that election is likely. to produce hesitancy among buyers, even though the main parties profess barely distinguishable ideas about short-term economic management.

Sterling's rise is a symptom of another unwelcome global development. Like Viking raiders or Attila the Hun, big speculators are back. For the best part of three years, financial markets have moved roughly in harmony with underlying economic trends, to an unusual and comforting degree. To the leveraged movers and shakers, however, this attempt at serenity must have seemed exasperatingly tedious, almost unbearable. It was certainly less profitable. At last, however, the tanned traders are beginning to open up some imbalances and therefore inject potential instability back into world markets.

For veterans of the 1992-93 raids on Europe's exchange-rate mechanism, the run-up to economic and monetary union is bound to provide a happy hunting ground. Pretensions and manoeuvrings between now and spring 1998, when the founding members will be chosen, invite mischief-making. Assuming the project goes ahead, but without Britain, the early money and interest rate policies of the European central bank will be keenly fought and keenly observed. Before that, the run-up to EMU may well bring clashes between interest rate policies in Frankfurt and Washington.

Investors can only keep an eye on this undercurrent to make sure that UK markets do not swing into obvious imbalance. Gilt-edged, selling on pre-tax yields of about 44 per cent net of inflation, may look slightly better value than the FT-SE index, but these are not extremes. And City insiders already scent the next good news for prices: a possible pre-pre-election rush of big takeover bids. many of them cross-border.

Better to follow the advice of the veteran top analyst and " manager Nils Taube, quoted in James Morton's Investing with the Grand Masters (published by FT Pitman) and back companies, not markets. "In all the years I have been investing," he says, "I reckon there have been only five or six occasions when the overall performance of the market



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#### Will there be a sigh of relief over childcare?



The Chancellor is being pushed to help working parents in his Budget with some form of tax relief on childcare

There is always a glimmer of hope that the Chancelior will help working parents in his Budger with some form of tax relief on childcare. At present, the only relief given is that childcare provided by a workplaze nursery is not counted as a taxable benefit in kind. That helps only 2 per cent of working mothers. All other employer schemes and forms of childcare do not attract any tax relief (Sarah Jones writes).

Employers and pressure groups are tailing for an extension of tax relief to other employer assistance, such as childcare youthers. Duncan Milligan, spokesman for Parents at Work. says: There is no logic to providing tax exemption for workplace nurseries and not for vouchers, and we would hope the Government will extend tax relief to all employer contributions to childcare costs. Beyond that, giving tax relief on non-workplace childcare would simply help the relatively

The National Childminding Association says there is a strong argument for subsidising all childrare. Gill Haynes, chief executive, says: "Quality childcare custs more than a lot of women can afford. The key question is who pays for quality childcare. At the moment the responsibility is placed on parents or the provider. Instead it should be shared by parents. employers and the Government." The association argues that the Government should look at how the tax system can be used to support and to encourage employers. Ms Haynes says: "The excuse for not doing anything is always cost. But the hidden costs of not making quality childcare affordable are even greater, in terms of women not being able to work and to

children left in informal care. The vast majority of childcare, 69 per cent, is provided informally. Childminders account for 25 per cent, daycare nurseries 14 per cent, nannies 9 per cent and workplace nurseries, 2 per cent. The Government issued a Green Paper last summer, Options for Childcare, which asks the question How can childcare be made more affordable to parents? The consultation period has been extended to early December.

Adam Jones on possible restrictions to profit-related pay schemes

# £1.5bn pay monster in need of control

hen Nigel Lawson introduced profit-related pay (PRP) in 1987, he thought it would give both companies and employees a boost.

By allowing employers to link some of a worker's pay to corporate performance, it was reasoned that fewer people would have to be laid off during the lean times, since the wage bill would slim itself.

During a boom, staff would receive a larger and fairer reward for their labour. At all times, employees would be able to take advantage of tax relief on their profit-related component of their pay. Like Dr Frankenstein, Lawson Dr Frankenstein, probably didn't think his creature would turn on the political party that gave it life. Such a thought would have seemed ridiculous soon after the introduction of PRP, anyway, as the innovation was

taken up.
But subsequent tweakings. such as increasing the amount that could be paid free of tax. combined with a shift in attitudes among the work-force, made profit-related pay enormously successful. So successful, in fact, that the Government is reeling from the cost of supplying tax relief to the estimated four million or so members of PRP schemes.

The cost to the Government of PRP in 1996-97 is estimated at £1.5 billion, compared with a budgeted £550 million. In the last Budget before the election. Kenneth Clarke may well be forced to act, before the deficit gets even more formidable.

Abolition is unlikely. Instead, pruning measures are being predicted by City tax advisers, to reduce Mr Lawson's monster to more benign, Herman Munster-ish

Under current regulations, employees are allowed to receive £4,000 a year, or 20 per cent of salary, whichever is lower, through PRP schemes without paying tax, regardless of the size of their salary. If a profitable company wants to give staff a larger share of the spoils, they can, but the excess will not be free of tax.

Schemes have been introduced in three main ways: as tax-efficient replacements for existing bonus schemes; as a substitute for offering an annual pay rise: and as salary conversion vehicles, where staff agree to waive up to £4,000 of their wage, hoping to receive a similar or larger sum through PRP instead.

All would be affected by the change widely expected from the Budget: a withdrawal of 40 per cent tax relief, leaving just the basic 24 per cent rate in place. Scheme members who pay the higher rate of tax and

under PRP would be left £640 poorer, says Rachel Bragg, from Ernst & Young, the

That assumes income tax levels are left unchanged. If the basic rate is cut by one or two pence in the pound, as is thought possible, the loss will be greater — £630 or £720. The impact this would have

on Tory heartland voters leads Tony Butcher, a partner at Deloitte & Touche, the accountants, to think that PRP will not be changed in this way so soon before an election. But others argue that the massive deficit has somehow to be

Mr Clarke could also deny

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Take-off: Profit-related pay has ballooned

all new schemes any tax relief. The prospect is likely to spark an undignified scramble by companies to register new schemes before the Budget. They assume, or hope. Mr. Clarke will not make any

retrospective changes. Another option is to make it more difficult for PRP schemes to be eligible. One criticism of PRP schemes is that they can be vehicles for companies to avoid paying tax, with salaries substituted by payments that are supposedly profit-related but are actually "sure-things".

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Tightened restrictions could hit companies that are organised as parmerships, such as accountancy firms.

To run PRPs, some partnerships have had to set up structures called service companies because they cannot ments in their original form. 💺 But these service companies are artificial creations, fed by an income from the company that created it. Their profits could be seen to be "managed" and therefore not in keeping with the PRP ethos, which demands a certain level of

If you are offered participa-tion in a new PRP scheme that might fall into this category, you would be wise to be extra diligent when considering joining, especially if membership involves you giving up a portion of your salary

And if tax relief is withdrawn, you shouldn't expect your company to make up any shortfall in your salary, PRP schemes generally have clauses where the company says it will not make good any loss caused in this manner, says Rachel Bragg

If Mr Clarke squeezes PRP, there is a strong chance companies would stick to this line. in the short term at least. before alternative pay struc-tures evolve. The added cost to the wage bill could be too great to do otherwise.



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#### Adam Jones on the outlook for shares in America

# US looking good

joke doing the rounds of the City says that Bill Clinton is doing so well running the US economy that he may soon feel confident enough to start dating again. It may be black humour

before Tuesday's presidential election, but reaction in New York and in London to US economic indicators suggests that Clinton and Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve Chairman, have hardly put a foot wrong recently.

Mr Greenspan anticipated the slowing in the growth of the economy in the second half of the year — an easing-off that defused fears of a harmful boom. Employment and wage figures released yesterday were as expected, or even slightly better, with no evidence of an increased inflation risk through rising wages, even though unemployment is low. Share earnings in the expensive US equities market were not threatened by labour costs, although they may even-tually be squeezed by a lowinflationary climate.

Analysts were pleased that their predictions and plans for the crucial election did not require much tweaking. Es-sentially, both Wall Street and the City see the presidential

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race as a sure win for Clinton. Less certain is how Congress will go. Analysts fear that Clinton's Democrats will win control of Congress and put the party in a position to dictate economic policy on their own terms. They worry that this will lead to looser fiscal and trade policy, leading to a greater risk of inflation. Bob Dole was playing on this anxiety last week, saying



It has been a rollercoaster ride for some New York shares

"a recipe for disaster". Dole declared: "If he is re-elected, brace yourself for the Clinton recession."

Last week, some US technology stocks fell sharply because of gloomy prospects for retail computer sales, and investors' fears of a post-election market sell-off. CompUSA, the retailer, fell 8 per cent on Tuesday. Compan and IBM also suffered

the Democrats had a mixture from this profit-taking. How-of slow growth and tax in-ever, the hi-tech sector took some comfort from a forecast by the Semiconductor Industry Association that microchip sales are recovering.

If the Democrats do win Congress, the US markets will be hit harder than these technology stocks last week. Then UK bonds and equities will feel the squeeze from across the Atlantic — the UK bond

right now. However, if Clinton wins control of the House of Representatives, but not the Senate, it is likely that this partial control of Congress would not ring alarm bells.

In the UK last week, shares were dancing more to the tune of Kenneth Clarke's surprise interest rate rise. It pushed the FT-SE 100 back below the 4,000 that it had waited so long to exceed before quietening down in anticipation of US data at the end of the week.

Longer term, the US will still face the threat of inflation. as will the UK. One London analyst said the narrow inflation range of 2.6 per cent to 3.2 per cent over the past couple of years in the US was particularly impressive. He added: The US economy is looking extremely healthy. It looks like Greenspan has achieved exactly what he set out to do.

As for the epic rise on Wall Street, its end has been forecast many times, but it has not collapsed. In passing 6,000, the Dow Jones industrial average has enjoyed its longest bull run, leaving shares expensive for the income they will earn.

So what happens after the election? Last week, the Smith Barney Consulting Group asked 70 US money managers which stocks they thought would do well after a Clinton re-election. In spite of their wobble this week, technology stocks were thought to be a sector that would be positively affected, as was financial services. Healthcare and tobacco stocks were thought likely to suffer. Investors must understand, however, that entering the US market at this stage of its cycle is risky.

#### Where will all the savers go?

R enewed popularity for that favourite Nineties pastime, carpetbagging, will be one result of the announcement of the Alliance & Leicester windfall details (see page 35). This is an armchair sport for which the only necessary skill is speed with pen and chequebook.

The society's decision to award the same number of shares to all investors, whatever the size of their balance, means that larger. long-term customers have seen a poor reward for their loyalty. They will swell the ranks of the carpetbaggers who will now decamp for other societies tipped to shed their mutual status. Provided that savers leave £100 invested with the A&L, they will not lose entitlement to

250 shares. Among those most likely to desert are those who have been irritated by the society's long silence on whether it was planning a basic or a variable share distribution. They contend that the society delayed making its plans public in order to hold on to their cash for as long as possible. Their resentment will not be lessened by Alliance & Leicester's justification for its decision. A basic distribution is, it says, the fairest solution as 83 per cent of its savers have less than £5,000 in their accounts.

In search of another windfall, the disaffected A&L investors will head for smaller societies that could be vulnerable to takeover, such as the Chelsea or the Portman. Or larger societies, such as the Nation-wide, that are assiduously



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wooing disaffected customers of its soon to be plc peers. True to its tightlipped form, the A&L is not openly admitting its customers can move their money elsewhere. It will also penalise some who dare to do so. Carpetbaggers who, last December. found £5,000 to open a Bonus 90 account, after the raising of the minimum investment, will find that if they remove £4,900, they will earn just 0.5 per cent on their remaining £100. The Portman pays 4.50 per cent on a similar amount.

Those A&L savers who find carpetbagging too strenuous an activity can be reassured that the society's other rates do not compare too badly with the competition. This is not philanthropy. The A&L is preparing itself for the scrutiny of City investment analysts who will pore over its accounts before flotation. An absence of savers in a savings institution would be tricky to explain.

#### Scrooge lives

THE Money Advice Trust which funds debt counselling services, such as National Debtline, needs a further £1.5 million this year to carry out its much needed work. You might have thought that all banks and building societies would have been more than happy to provide it, as it would help limit expensive bad debts. But, although some larger lenders, such as the Halifax,

have been happy to oblige, other big building societ-

ies, have not. Their reluctance to contribute is apparently based on the outmoded belief that such services are staffed by anti-Establishment agitators who habit-ually inform clients that the building society can sing for its money. The reverse is true. Advisers always stress the importance of keeping the roof over your head. For the Money Advice Trust, a mortgage is a "priority

In another example of petty mean-ness, some charges on those who enquire about renting out their property. As we report on page 40, these penalties may be charged whether or not you proceed to take a tenant.

This is unfair treatment of those struggling to find a responsible way way out of negative equity. It also suggests that, while all lenders like to make much of their concern for borsome, in practice, prefer to

#### Own goal

SURPRISING as it may seem, some parties do emerge with credit from the home income plan scandal. For example, the campaign waged by Barnett Sampson, the legal firm representing many of the elderly victims has been praiseworthy. The energy of the Investors Compensation Scheme has also been commendable, although its efforts have sometimes been misdirected.

Among those whose reputations have not been enhanced by the sorry episode are the building societies that for so long resisted paying out com-pensation. They include the West Bromwich. Yesterday the court ruled that borrowers could move to sue this society for restitution.

While this development is good news for the pensioners who were advised to borrow against the value of their properties and invest the proceeds in investment bonds, it raises questions about the society

The West Bromwich could have paid out long ago and scored a public relations coup, more valuable than any compensation bill Instead, it has preferred to play a waiting game and attract bad publicity. This smacks not only of indifference to a group of vulnerable pensioners. but also of a lack of

#### Holiday home or legal timebomb?

conjure up images of seems that owning property in more than one country can give the individual investor an enormous headache.

property can create a range of completely aware. Something home in France could mean walking into French forced heirship rules and French capital taxes," said David Oliver, tax partner at Arthur Andersen and co-author of a new guide, Estate Planning for UK Individuals Residing or Investing Abroad.

More and more individuals

are buying homes abroad, whether it is the holiday cottage we have all promised ourselves in Tuscany or because work has taken you to another country and you need to

Talk of cross-border ac- buy a second home. You end tivities would normally - up trying to reconcile two legal systems and two tax systems. especially when it comes to inheritance of the property.

Tax planning will depend on the country in which you are actually resident and on "Cross-border ownership of the terms of any double taxation agreement between the issues of which many are UK and the country where you own property.

f you die domiciled in England and Wales, English law applies to movable assets and the law of the country where you own prop-erty applies to immovables. If you die domiciled outside England, English law applies only to immovable property in England; moveables pass in accordance with the law of the

country where you resided. In some countries succession problems can be easily avoided by holding assets in joint names so that, on death.

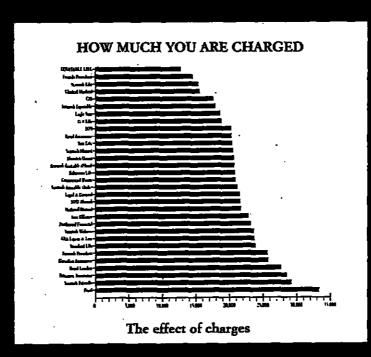
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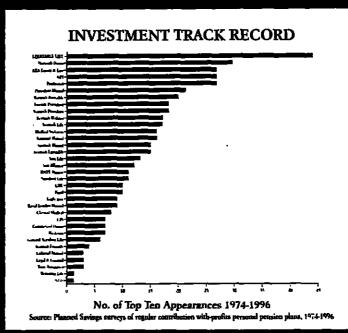
they pass automatically to the survivor without need to obtain probate. But it is not always that simple. In Australia for example, the guide suggests a discretionary trust by will could avoid capital gains tax; in France, you should take advantage of giftsplitting between spouses for gifts to children; in Italy assets can be protected if owned through a non-Italian registered company; and in Spain it helps to have a will written in Spanish and made before a

Spanish notary The main solution however is to simply know what you are getting into in the first place," says Mr Oliver. "Cross border ownership can be expensive in terms of tax, but the main cost is usually the administrative hassle. Dealing with local lawyers for example can be a nightmare."

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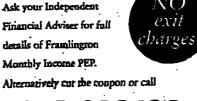
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Sarah Jones asks whether rates can go only one way from here

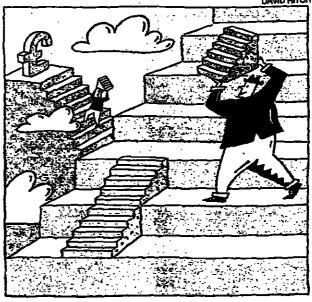
# Big lenders hold off until Budget

S avers hoping that this week's rise in base rate will mean home will mean better returns from their investments will be sorely disappointed. Mortgages come first and if lenders stick to their immediate reaction and don't touch mortgage rates, then they will also leave saving rates alone.

As ever they are waiting, they say, to see who will move first. This time they also have a perfect excuse for fence-sitting — the Budget. What is the point, they argue, of going to the considerable expense of telling customers of rate changes, if three weeks later they have to make further alterations. A quarter percent sounds a lot to savers in these days of paltry rates, but for providers it is really not worth the bother.

Bucking the trend slightly is the Leeds & Holbeck, which immediately raised the interest rates on its two and threeyear Fixed Rate Bond by up to 0.35 per cent. The two-year bond now pays 6.85 per cent on balances from £1,000 and 7 per cent from £10,000, making it the market leader. The threeyear bond gives 7 per cent from £1,000 and 7.25 per cent from £10,000. That is only beaten by the Coventry's threeyear bond paying 7.3 per cent from £1.000.

"With the rise in base rate, we can now invest the funds from the bonds at a higher rate. Our choice was to make more profit on the bond or to pass on the benefit to customers," says Phil Donovan, senior general manager at the Leeds & Holbeck. "Any increase across the whole range of savings products would need a rise in mortgage rates



and we like others want to

avoid that." While providers are reluctant to interfere with the recovery in the housing market, any change to savings will be on isolated products. Shortterm fixed investments, usually limited issues, are the most likely candidates.

Darren Stevens, public rela-tions manager at the Chelsea, says: "It seems the biggest players will be waiting until after the Budget, but one or two smaller players may need to get more aggressive on some of their savings rates. We have been surprised, for example, by the lack of response to our postal account and would expect a few more competitive rates to come out."

Providers also remain unconvinced that this week heraided the start of a steady. consistent rise in base rate. There may be further adjustments post-Budget, and base rate could drop back to 5.75 per cent in the run-up to the election," says John Gully. head of corporate affairs at the Our view at the Portman. moment is even if rates do rise, it will be a fairly flat rise and nothing dramatic for some time to come. That means it's business as usual for both

savers and borrowers." The base rate change has also done little to alter the rules in the fixed rate mortgage game. There may be a impact on short-term rates but long-term rates should stay much the same, simply because lenders have already pre-guessed the longterm movement in base rate.

Patrick Bunton, of London & Country, mortgage brokers, says: "If all things stay equal, a few might move in January. The ones to watch are those committed mutuals, like the Nationwide and Principality, who have kept their variable rates lower than competitors and therefore will have lower profit margins. Sustaining the base rate rise themselves will

not be easy."
As with savings products some of the best fixed rates are short term. The theory goes that we are at the bottom of the cycle and any base rate movement has to be up, so you hould find yours

only two or three years, it won't matter if rates don't climb dramatically after all.

However, Mr Bunton says
that you could be coming off a

two or three-year rate midterm of the next government,

when rates are traditionally high and with redemption

penalties you may be locked into an unantractive variable rate. On the other hand a fiveyear rate should take you through the next government.

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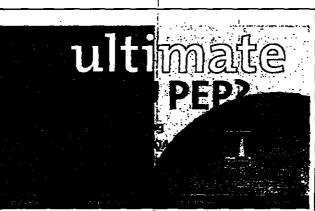
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afford. For discounts, London & Country recommend the Principality's one-year 4.99 per cent discount and Nanonwide's 1.3 per cent discount for three years. Both are made more attractive by coming off a low variable rate of 6.49 per cent. There is also a healthy 2 per cent discount until March 1999 from Nat-

ional Counties. For fixed rates the Portman's 5.99 per cent until September 1998 boasts absolutely no redemption penalties and a guarantee that at the end of the term another good rate will be offered. For longer term, one of the best rates is Cheltenham & Gloucester's five-year 7.25 per cent. For those borrowing over 75 per cent it has the added benefit of indemnity guarantee

There is some good news for savers this week. Northern Rock has bowed to pressure and scrapped penalties on withdrawals from its Great North Postal Share and Deposit Account. A popular account because of its interest rate, 5.55-6.15 per cent, savers were angered that they were charged 30 days interest on any withdrawals.

The society now says investors will be able to make free withdrawals as long as they give 30 days notice. However. the changes will not come into effect until October 1, 1997. The Woolwich has also similarly backed down on its Postal 60 account. Holders can now at least close the account without penalty, as long as they give 60



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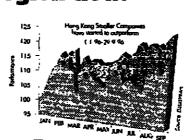
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# Alliance & Leicester bonanza first of four

Caroline Merrell

answers your

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the big pay day at the

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fter months of silence, the Alliance & Leicester Building Society has finally unveiled the terms of its £3 billion stock market flotation to take place next

In a controversial deal that treats all members equally, disregarding the amount they have saved with the society, the 24 million qualifying savers and borrowers will each receive 250 free shares worthapproximately EI,000 at today's stock market prices.

The Alliance & Leicester board opted for a flat distribution, rather than the variable distribution of shares preferred by National & Provincial and Cheltenham & Gloucester building

Both based the number of shares they offered to members on the size of account balances. The Halifax and Woolwich, which are also headed for the stock market in 1997, will follow their

example. Peter White, Alliance & Leicester group chief executive, said that the directors had chosen a flat distribution because very many of his members had small

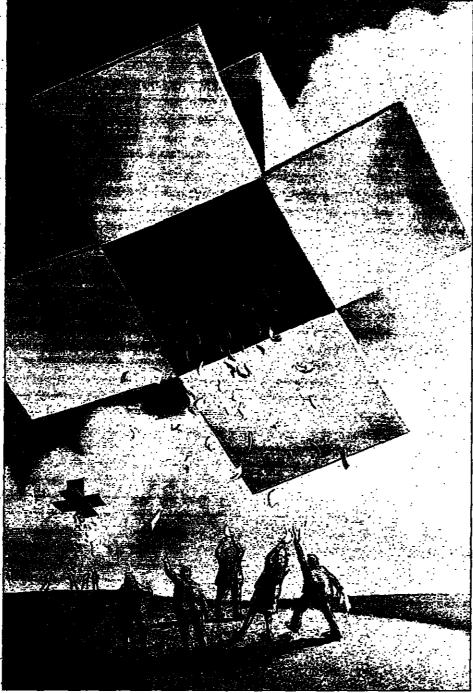
He said: "It is a question of one man, one vote. We felt that an equal distribution would be the best way of dealing with the shares."

The decision to offer a basic distribution means that the Alliance & Leicester will be the first of the four building societies proposing to float in 1997 to reach the stock market.

The share price of the new bank is expected to be between 385p and 435p. The terms of the distribution also mean that some of the society's larger savers will probably decamp to other societies, leaving the minimum in their accounts. We answer some of the

the details of the deal. Who will qualify for the bonus shares after the flotation?

If you are a sole or first A if you are a sole or mrs. named member with an account open with the society on December 31, 1995. and also had a minimum total balance of £100 in one or more share or accounts on October 14, 1996, you will qualify for the shares, and



will be able to vote, providing you keep your account open until a second qualify-This has yet to be set, but is

expected to be in the first half of next year. Borrowers must have had a mortgage with an outstanding debt of more than £100 on December 31, 1995. They must keep this amount of debt until December 5 if they vote by post, or December 10, if they vote in person at the London Arena. shares they must keep their mortgage account open to the final qualifying date.

Will you receive any-thing, if you are not eligible to vote?

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These will be members

who opened their accounts

on or before October 14, 1996. They include those who had less than £100 in their ac-

counts at that date. They also include those under the age of 18 on December 10, 1996. The cash bonus is expected to be about 11 per cent of the member's total qualifying balance.

What is the timetable What is the dimeasure for the conversion and

A Qualifying members must vote by post on the conversion by December 5, or they can attend the special general meeting which is to he held on December 10, at the London Arena, in the Isle

of Dogs, East London.
If the society gets enough people to vote in favour of the conversion, then it is expected to float on the stock market at the beginning of next year.

For the flotation to go

What it the this many died since the conversion

If the first named A accountholder died after December 31, 1995, then the second named accountholder will not be eligible to vote, unless the deceased nominated someone to cast

their vote by proxy.

If the first named accountholder died before December 31, 1995, and another person became the sole or first named member on the account, then they will be eligible to vote.

If the deceased member was entitled to free shares, then the deceased member's successor will get the shares, regardless of whether they

Will it be easy to sell the shares I receive after the conversion has

The Alliance & Leicester, along with the Woolwich and the Halifax, will be offering its newly fledged shareholders a share dealing service.

In the first year after the Abbey National floration. around 25 per cent of share-holders sold their shares. In the subsequent four years, another 25 per cent sold their

The Alliance & Leicester share dealing service will operate for a short period after conversion. Full details of this service will be released closer to the flotation date.

Will I have to pay tax on my shares?

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E llen Sharp was upset that Abbey National closed her local National & Provincial branch. She also has no time for banks. So she has moved her money to the Portman. 'My N&P branch used to be just a minute's walk away. now I have to take a bus to the nearest Abbey branch in the

next town. I chose the Portman because it is close by and I can get a monthly interest account," said Mrs Sharp, 79, of Peacehaven, Sussey, "The building common start, 79, of cehaven. Sussex. "The building society seems friendly and they know who you are. I don't like banks. You don't know where you are with them, it's all big finance."

Sarah Jones on the savers who may prefer to jump ship

#### The unconverted flee

ext year 19 million customers of building societies will find that they have become customers of a bank. Will they remain loyal to the new institution, or will they hotfoot it back to a building society?

Officially, converting societies say that they expect customers to stay with them, but at branch level there is evidence that customers, variously disgruntled by the conversion process, will be queueing up to leave.

In August Abbey National took over the National & Provincial. Officially the Abbey says it is too early for exact figures, but "the feeling is that customers are staying with us". However, building societies claim that the surge they have seen in new accounts comes directly from ex-N&P customers. Significantly these have not been for minimum

not carpetbaggers moving back to a building society hoping for another windfall. Mike Hildred, manager of savings at Bradford & Bingley.

says: "We have seen a peak in

September of new money coming into the society which we can attribute to N&P customers. Feedback from the branches shows that customers are either unhappy at losing the N&P brand or at the way Abbey National has merged accounts. We have had elderly customers, for example, disgruntled that their money has been put into an account with a card transaction rather

than a passbook. "We are expecting the same sort of activity when the Halifax and others convert next year. They have been clever though in giving shares rather than cash, which will slow down the moving process and. at the point of share dealing.

defend itself." Wily customers. however, will consider holding the shares in the new bank. while looking around for a better rate of interest for their

And with supermarkets and insurance companies moving into banking, that new home may not necessarily be a building society.
"Once people have got their

booty, they will be up for grabs and we will be in there targeting customers," says Peter Stevens, marketing director of Prudential Banking, launched three weeks ago. But customers looking for better rates of interest should look carefully at the incentives on offer."

t the time of the N&P takeover, the Nationwide launched its campaign "If your building society turns into a bank, laugh all the way to the building society". claiming committed mutuals

offer more attractive rates of interest than banks. It was sufficiently satisfied by the results in terms of new business to launch another campaign this week, "Extra, extra, read all about it", comparing its own savings rates with those of the Halifax.

Research by Kleinwort Benson shows that savers with societies planning to convert to banks are receiving returns on average nearly 0.5 per cent lower than that offered by traditional building society rivals. Against that trend both Bristol & West and Alliance & Leicester now feature in postal accounts best buy tables.

The Halifax, whose drift to conversion will have taken almost three years, says it is aware of the theory that customers have kept their money in the Halifax for the sole reason of getting a bonus and will leave on conversion: But it

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Adam Jones on National Savings after detection of a £50m 'black hole'

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The agency responsible for managing the £57 billion deposited by 30 million National Savings customers has its accounts checked by the independent National Andit Office (NAO). The latest andit, relating to 1993 and 1994, has led to the discovery of a £50 million "black hole" in these accounts and a damning report to Parliament. Sir John Bourn, head of the NAO, said the weaknesses in accounting procedures led to an increased risk that fraud and error could so led to an increased risk that fraud and error could go

There is no question that investors money will be harmed by the huge discrepancy. The cash will probably turn up. But the ultimate security of National Savings should not give it sacred cow status. As a huge institution, there are still inevitable risks of mismanagement, red tape and customer frustration. These should be considered, especially since there is talk of getting National Savings to administer a new pension scheme. Below, Weekend Money explains the NAO's findings and outlines the procedures to follow if you have a problem with National Savings. have a problem with National Savings.

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But won't this just shift the £50 million shortfall on to the taxpayer?

A Quite possibly but the eventual burden may turn out to be far less than £50 million, or perhaps noth-

O Does the accounting black hole mean that my dealings with National Savings have not been recorded properly and that I too could have a problem?

No. The problem is not in the way deposits and purchases are registered, says the National Audit Office.

with the money. It can't get its own accounts to match up with the information held in the records people will be keeping at home — pass-It is in the way National

Savings records what it does

was owed £37 million by investors — an impossible situation. The National Audit Office is suggesting a computer systems error.

Is there any link be-tween this and the huge demand for National Savings in the last year?

A No. The problem relates to 1993-94. National Savings says that it first started addressing the deficiencies in its accounting procedures in mid-1994.

But there have been some problems with income payments for pen-sioners' bonds this year. haven't there?

Yes, 474 pensioners were told they would receive their first payment in January 1996, but they only got it in February. Computer error - they weren't due their payments until February, as it happens.

If I have a problem like one of those pensioners, what can I do?

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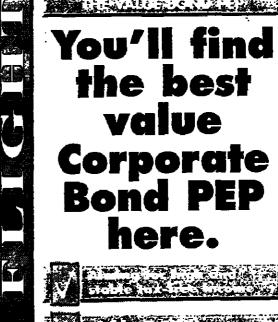
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And what if I am not satisfied by that?

A You can appeal to the Adjudicator for National Savings, David Farrington. The adjudicator decides cases where the customer is claiming a sum of money. The address is: The Secretary to the Adjudicator for National Savings, Room 450, Charles House, Kenington High Street, London, W14 8SD.

The adjudicator may make a decision based on the documents only. There could be a hearing, though. The decision is legally binding on both parties. In the financial year ending April I, 1996, six cases were referred; five were dismissed and the sixth has not been decided. There are also 24 claims from the current financial year.

If the complaint does not involve a sum of money — it could relate to your treat-ment by staff, for instance you can write to your MP and ask them to take it up with the Parliamentary Ombudsman at the House of Commons, but only after trying the customer services said that these complaints do not form a big part of the ombudsman's workload





## Savers who jump ship

continued from page 36 denies rumours that it is looking at incentives to keep customers. However, if only 5 per cent of its ten million customers decide to go, there will be half a million looking to invest £1.5 billion.

Diane Saunders, a Leeds independent financial adviser. says: "There is a lot ofmoney waiting to walk next June. Many of our clients are irked at having to keep their money in the Halifax for so long, and we are hearing the same message from other advisers.

version is in some doubt, says loyal. "Not only will they have gages with us but they will be shareholders, so they will have a double interest in staying." says a spokesman.

However, David Jones, who is waiting to use his locked into the society

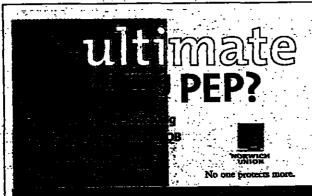
or sell the shares nearer the banks will need a settling time, but I shall certainly close my account. It is clearly in their interest to spin out the conversion process. They have a whole load of money sitting in accounts because people are frightened to move. That's fine for speculators but not for ordinary

customers," he said. Some analysts believe the conversions will be the beginning of the end for many of

the remaining societies.

The mutuals claim otherwise. For a start the new down period, concentrating on the administration of conversion, if they are to avoid seen with flotations to date," says John Gully, head of corporate affairs at the

"Secondly, there will be plenty of customers, one or two million at a conservative estimate. looking to return to a friendly, cuddly building society, and that will boost the





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reborn Kepit began life this week with £70 mil-✓ ■ lion under management and a wider investment brief than when the original trust was launched three years ago. Instead of investing only in new privatisations, the new trust, to be known as the Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Trust (Kbept) can buy into companies privatised more than five more than five

vears ago. The original Kepit is being liquidised after complaints from investors about its uninspiring performance. Some have opted to reinvest in Kbept, or another trust, others have gone for a cash exit.

The shares were suspended at 97½p, compared with the issue price of 100p. A circular to shareholders suggested that the cash settlement would be around 100.3p a share.

Shareholders are being offered three ordinary shares for every ten warrants they hold. They also have the option to cash in the shares.

Almost 80 per cent of the 77,000 investors have opted to receive their capital in cash. Cheques will be posted on November 25. Of the remaining capital, about £20 million will go to the M&G European and General fund. There w be an extraordinary meeting on November 22, and liquidation will take about a year.

Some investors have asked for their capital to be placed in a cash trust which Kleinwort Benson has created. The Kleinwort Money Market Trust will invest in bank accounts, deposit accounts and other financial instruments, including gilts. It aims for 5 per cent growth a year, and will reinvest interest. Tax vouchers, but not dividends, will be sent to inves-tors in May and November each year.

Ben Siddons, chairman of the Kleinwort Benson investment trusts division, said the income made in the trust would be taxed at 20 per cent before it was reinvested.

Investors who want to buy into the Money Market Trust will not be charged an initial fee. There will be a bid-offer spread and the unit price will be issued on November 22. Another pan-European

trust investing in privatisa-tions and launched at the same time as Kepit was the Mercury European Privatisation Trust, known variously as Mepit and Mept.

Despite the woeful performance of both trusts over the past three years, investment trust analysts are starting to take an interest in Mepit. They are encouraged by the managers' decision to begin a share buyback to try to narrow the discount between the underlyThere are also a raft of

ing net assets and its share

European privatisations including Deutsche Telekom. Telecom France, Telefonica in Spain and a number of Italian companies that are expected to be priced cheaply to appeal to private investors and which

Mepit is applying to buy. Lough Callahan, managing director of Mercury Asset Management, said Mept had wider investment brief than Kepit and this would bear fruit as good privatisations came to market. "We can invest in companies that have already been privatised. There are no geographical boundaries and until recently we have invested quite heavily in the UK." Mr Callahan defends the past performance of the trust: "We launched at what proved to be the top of the market and in 1995 in particular privatisations in France and Italy were too nightly priced. We did try to avoid some of the new issues which were particularly bad. "Last year the Bundesbank

was right on monetary policy: interest rates were high and this hit some of the stocks we wanted to invest in. We feel we did well in difficult market conditions.' Investment trust analysts

NatWest Markets said the European sector was becoming expensive but recommends Kleinwort Charter. Continental Assets and Menit. Carolyn Coke, analyst, said Kleinwort Charter is "a big solid investment vehicle which has been quietly underperforming its rivals", while Continental Assets, from the Ivory & Sime stable, goes for quality stocks which should make

healthy long-term returns. Peter Walls, an analyst with Credit Lyonnais Laing, also likes Mepit, along with Henderson Eurotrust and Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust because the two latter trusts have shown strong growth over the past 12 months. He believes the large discount between Mepit's share price and its underlying assets make it cheap.

Mark Bolland, of the indefirm Chamberlain de Broe. likes Foreign & Eurotrust and TR European Growth. Treg invests in sold blue-chip companies and Mr Bolland says sterling's recent strength means shares in Germany and France look

Europe is a very disparate sector: there are mature markets like the UK plus highly volatile economies such as Russia, where business is done aggressively. You can go for different combinations depending on your attitude to risk."





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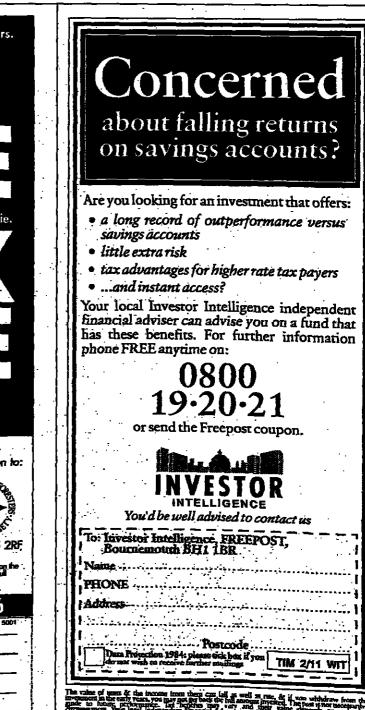
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# Good health care has its price

uying comprehensive health cover is expen-sive. A family could easily end up paying more than £1,000 a year in premiums for private medical insurance and insurance to provide replacement income in times of ill-health. Many people either cannot afford to pay these premi-

umos or are reluctant for example, to abandon the NHS and sign up

for private medical care. Yet they still face considerable bills if they require treatment or are off sick

for a lengthy period.

This is why providers of other types of health related insurance policies, such as healthcare cash plans — also known as hospital cash plans - and accident and sickness plans, are expecting to see a growth in demand as people look for cheaper alternatives.

Besides being cheaper, the cover provided by these schemes is different and more

limited than that provided by mainstream health insurance. Nor do they solve the problems of those with pre-existing illness or related conditions not normally covered by the more expensive schemes. Healthcare cash plans, as

the term suggests, pay out cash benefits that are intended to help with expenses incurred during hospital admissions. dental and optical treatment, physiotherapy, maternity, recuperative care and so on Some also pay out lump sums in the event of accidents which result in, say, loss of a limb or

mally covers the whole family and typically starts as low as £1 a week. But the benefits are . often modest and are not usually intended to cover the full cost of any expenses incurred. The largest provider of these schemes is the Hospital Savings Association (HSA),

which has around lion subscribers. It offers a plan with five lev-

els of benefit for premiums ranging from £1.45 per week to £11.60. Weekly benefits paid out dur-ing hospital in-patient treatment start at £70 and rise to £560. For dental treatment, annual benefits range from £29 to £232, while optical benefits rise from £27 to £216.

Most providers, with the exception of the HSA, are members of the British Health Care Association (BHCA). They insure another three million people and last year paid out more than £90 million. For them the wheel has almost turned full circle.

ir David Perris, BHCA president, said: The schemes were originally set up in the late 1800s to support and fund local hospitals and provide free treatment for members. When the NHS was set up, they started paying out cash benefits, but they still make significant donations to medical charities and the

Providers of plans do not claim they are substitutes for private medical insurance (PMI), but HSA likes to com-



British prices have not quite reached the levels of American private hospitals like those seen in Chicago Hope

pare its product favourably with PMI, pointing out, for example, that premiums for PMI are age-band related. while those on cash plans are not. HSA adds: "With HSA you do not need a doctor's referral to claim for the bene-

fits. With PMI you do." The growing attraction of cash plans led Legal & General recently to launch a hybrid

plan combining private medical insurance with limited cash benefits.

Accident and sickness plans are designed to provide regu-lar payments for a limited period if you are unable to work due to sickness or accident. Typically, benefits will start after you have been off work for 30 days and continue to be off for up to 12 months. The insurance is provided by companies such as Norwich Union and Sun Alliance, but policies are usually sold through the post by banks and building societies.

Policies can also be purchased separately. Post Office what it calls Bill Payment Cover Insurance. Three levels able: £250, £500 or £750. Premiums range from £6 to EIS per month for accident and sickness cover only, rising to £16,30 and £48,90 respectively.

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Matthew Wall finds bigger is safer in pharmaceuticals, a sector the British lead

## Watch for the health warning



THE pharmaceuticals industry has long been viewed as the jewel in the crown of the British economy. But if investors swallow their pills without studying the labels properly, they could well end

This diverse sector encompasses globally successful giants such as Glaxo Wellcome valued at nearly £36 billion, and volatile biotechnology minnows, such as Proteus, valued at just £30 million. Each end of the spectrum has its own risks and rewards.

The outlook for the big players is generally good. Glaxo, which bought Wellcome for £9.3 billion last year, is now the UK's largest quoted company. Interim pretax profits for the six months to June 30 weighed in at a hefty £1.6 billion, with earnings per share increasing 23 per cent compared with the

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same period last year. SmithKline Beecham, the UK's second largest pharmaceuticals company valued at £22 billion, has just announced third-quarter pre-tax profits up 20 per cent to £374 million, boosted by buoyant sales in the United States.



The pharmaceuticals sector encompasses globally successful giants and volatile biotechnology minnows

Zeneca, the ICI spin-off. valued at £16.5 billion, is also . performing well. Kevin Scotcher, pharmaceuticals an-alyst at NatWest Securities, says: "Zeneca may be lowranked in the world in terms of drug market share, but it is in the top ten by market value and is growing faster than the rest of the sector. The share price has been driven up by constant takeover speculation and excitement over three new cancer drugs it is launching."

The big players have been working hard to compensate for heavy losses of sales when patents for some of their most

successful drugs begin expir-ing soon. So called generic, or unbranded drugs, made by rivals can cut sales of the

original by more than half.
Two of Glaxo Wellcome's most successful drugs, Zantac and Zovirax, lose their patents in the US next year. Mr Scotcher believes that Glaxo has done enough to compen-

He says: "Imminent drug launches by Glaxo will be significant. It has already launched five major new drugs in the US market over the last 18 months. Of those, Imigran, the anti-migraine

drug, is likely to be very successful, especially in the

An increasingly competitive global market has forced 16 company mergers over the past two years as the industry. desperately seeks cost cuts to combat downward pressure

Despite this analysts believe double-digit volume growth is possible over the coming years as governments increasingly rely on effective drugs to keep the costs of state-provided healthcare down.

The biotechnology sector, particularing led by the likes of British and hype.

Biotech, Celltech and Cortecs, is not one for weak-hearted investors. These companies spend millions researching and developing what they hope will be the next highly lucrative wonder-drug. They are volatile, hard to value, and

high risk. The sector has seen £320 million of new money raised this year in a flurry of new issues and rights issues. However, since June, 25 per cent has been wiped off their value as the market has taken a more sanguine view of a sector particularly prone to rumour

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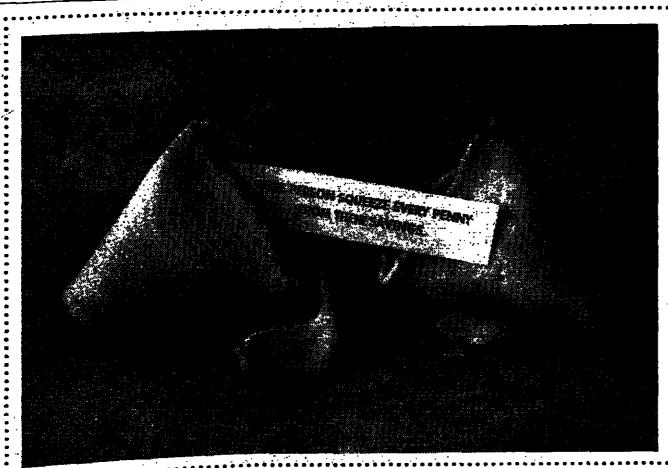
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## Penalty hurdles for reluctant landlords

aking a casual in-quiry to your mort-gage lender about letting out your home could end up costing you hundreds of pounds - even if you do not go ahead. Some lenders impose draconian penalties - or at least threaten them — to any borrower who wants to let

their property.

The wave of homeowners forced to become landlords by a combination of negative equity and changing personal circumstances may find their lender less than sympathetic to their plight. For example, HMC gives warning that anyone making an initial inquiry about letting risks being stung for an extra 2 per cent interest and higher insurance

Inquirers are told "Unless I receive a completed form from you within [14 days] or hear that you have decided not to go ahead [with letting], I will have to assume that you are letting the property without our permission"—and may penalise you accordingly. Such an

Fiona Bawdon gives a warning to negative equity sufferers who are thinking of letting their homes

officious response is not untypical, said Patrick Bunton, lied by their lender. manager at London and Country, the mortgage broker. Quite simply lenders in the Mr Bunton said most lend-

main do not want this kind of business and so hope to scare off people by imposing punitive interest rates, typically I per cent above base rate. processing fees, sometimes of several hundred pounds, and stringent conditions before they will agree to the arrange-ment. Conditions may include limitations on the length of letting period; making it compulsory to use a firm of agents to manage the property; and insisting the property be let for reasons of "necessity not convenience". Of course, one man's necessity is another man's convenience. The prob-

lem for borrowers is they have

no way of knowing how strict an interpretation will be app-

ers' bark is worse than their bite. However intimidating the standard initial response. in reality, most are sympathetic to borrowers with genuine reasons for wanting to let their homes. Processing fees and extra interest charges may sometimes be waived once the situation is explained, he said. He added that it is understandable for lenders to want the discretion to charge more: the risk of bad debts on rented out properties is far higher. "If

you have two mortgages, one of which is on the property where you are living and you lose your job, which mortgage are you going to pay first?"

Warning

#### for new wave of landlords

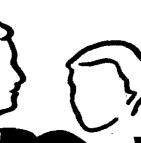
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not to fuel another property boom by encouraging people to buy property on a speculative basis - a particular danger at the moment when prices and interest rates are low. They are therefore keen to weed out those wanting to let for investment reasons from those whose circumstances have genuinely changed. Sadly many lenders do not communicate the legitimate concerns that lie behind their otherwise inexplicably hostile



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Sara McConnell finds the answer to confusion over the breakdown of a pension



Thrift versus good times: the reader's situation of friends, one working, one relying on the State, mirrors the comedy programme Sometime Never

# Is £2 a week

much state pension you tire, the Benefits Agency in Newcastle will send you a breakdown. But making sense of it is another thing, a Weekend Money reader says. She writes: "I am a widow coming up to retirement and I wrote to the Benefits Agency for an assessment of my state pension. I have worked all my adult life with no time off for children and I have always paid my own class I national insurance stamp in the belief I would get a better pension by doing so. I have also paid into my employer's fund. The assessment is as follows: Basic pension - £61.15

Additional pension based on earnings - £79.59 employer's scheme - £55.88 Remaining additional pension - £23.71

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Why am I being penalised by having £55.88 deducted from my additional pension because I had an employer's pension? I was being careful and making best possible provision for my old age. A friend, also widowed and now retired, who worked on and off over the years, did not pay her own contributions but relied on a pension from her husband's contributions. She now gets. E88 a week state pension.

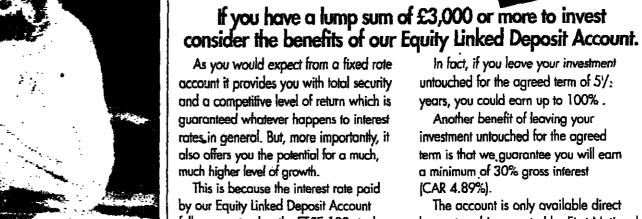
In other words I have wasted an awful lot of money over the years paying it to the Government and all I get for my efforts is £2 a week more than someone who did not pay any contributions of her own.

Teekend Money replies: "Even the Bene-fits Agency admits there are "some tricky bits to get over in unravelling this one. But you will be pleased to know that the crux of its explanation is that you have not lost the £55.88 that was deducted from your additional pension. This pension will be paid to pension rather than from the State. This will give you a total

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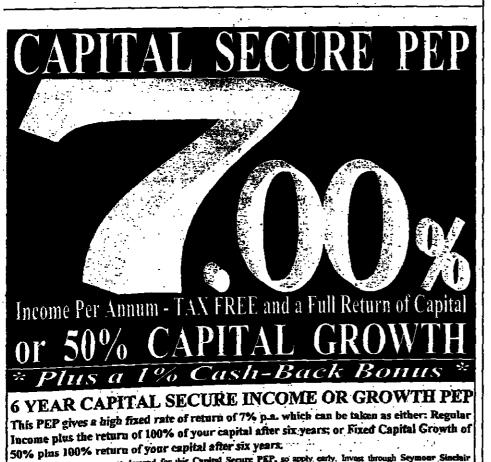
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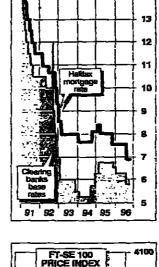
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NatWest Bank 0800 200400 Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505 Birmingham Midshires 0845 720721 Principality BS 01222 344188	Fixed rate Fixed rate Inflath beater	5 year 5 year 5 year 5 year	£5,000 £8,575 £1,000 £500	7.45 7.30 7.00 6.80	F/Yiy F/Yiy Yiy Yiy

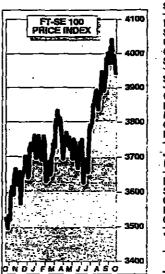
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Canada LfLevel Equitable LfLevel PrudentialLevel GeneraliLevel Nonwich UnLevel		£9,244 £9,350 £9,204 £9,061 £9,129	£10,045 £10,027 £9,956 £9,911 £9,882	£11,225 £10,975 £11,055 £11,086 £10,985
JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: Female:	Age 60 Age 55	Age 65 Age 60	Age 70 Age 65
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Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25% dsc 6 mth 3% dsc 6 month
Barclays Bank 0800 000929	3.49	£15-500k	95	3,50% discount for 12 months
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Building Societies Scarborough 0800 590547 Chorley & District 01257 279373 Mansfield	Interest rate %	Loan size to £250k	Max % 70	Rate fixed for 12 months. 6% discount for 6 months 6.35% discount
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Newbury 01635 43676	4,24	£5-100k	95	2.50% discount for 12 months
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Bank of Ireland	0.99	£20-145k	95	6.25% disc 6 mins
01734 510100				3% disc 6 mins
TSB Bank 0500 758000	3.25	£15k+	95	3.74% discount for 12 months

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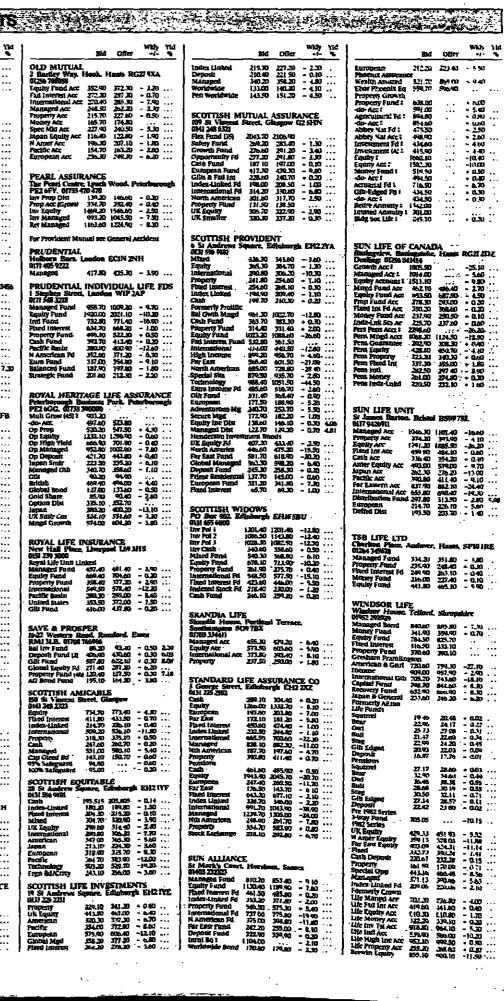
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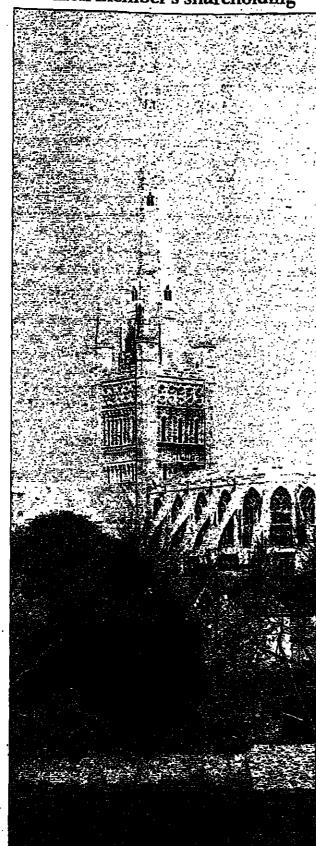
From Mr J. Brister, Sir, In his letter (Unconvinced about the benefit to members of Norwich Union flotation. Weekend Money, October 19), Brian Rees expresses misgivings regarding Norwich Union's proposed demutualisation. Having had a long and, except in regard to my involve-ment in the redundancies of the early Nineties, happy car-eer without regrets with Norwich Union. I, too, have a

While Brian Rees's concerns may in some respects be met when the full case is presented to those policyholders who, under the Articles and Memorandum are entitled to vote, the issue of share options is of concern. The value of a company in which share options are available does not change as a result of an option being exercised. How, then, does the option have any value? It comes, of course, from the corresponding fall in the value of the remaining shareholders' shares.

The justification for these options has always been thin and usually based on the need to attract and retain top managers. In recent years, and while redundancies have been declared at all levels, Norwich Union has had little or no difficulty in hiring staff from plcs.

Two of the present executive directors have been recruited in this way, as have been top managers in fund manage ment, healthcare, personnel and information technology. providing conclusive proof that Norwich Union's pay and conditions are eminently suitable for a plc. What, then, could be the justification for these options? I suggest that before any Norwich Union policyholder votes in favour of demutualisation, they demand a comprehensive answer to that question and an assurance that neither at the outset nor at a later date

would such a move be made. It would ill behove such a long established company built on mutual principles to taint its demutualisation proposals with what I regard as. the unfair practice of allocating share options to top managers. Yours faithfully JOHN BRISTĚR,



Air of solidity: Norwich Cathedral - symbol of Norwich Union

#### Penalties for the taxman?

From Mrs J.W. Poole Sir, In your recent article on self-assessment for income tax (Facing up to a critical selfassessment, Weekend Money Tax and Financial Planning Guide. October 19) you remind readers of the draconian penalties that will be levied upon the taxpayer who sends in his tax return late.

I returned my completed form for 1995-96 together with dividend vouchers etc., with an application for a refund of tax, by recorded delivery, on April 30. Royal Mail confirmed it was delivered to Cardiff Tax Office on May 2.

On September 20 (in response to an inquiry I made six weeks earlier) I was advised that my return had not been received; I still await the duplicate which was not sent with the reply to my letter. In the self-assessment legis-

lation is there any protection for the taxpayer from Reven-ue's inefficiencies? Yours faithfully,

332 Knightsfield. Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

#### IFA — not salesman

From Mr K.P. Mitchell Sir, Mr Sutton (Commission ensures that independent financial advisers are 'salesmen' 100, Weekend Money Letters, October 19) is quite incorrect; most independent financial advisers are more than happy to work for a fee instead of commission. In the unusual event that his adviser will not work on a fee basis, Money Management magazine or the Institute of Financial Planning will put him in touch with a fee-based adviser.

By charging fees, IFAs are paid by clients for their expertise, rather than having to rely on policy sales for income. However, most potential clients still balk at the idea of paying a fee, usually claiming that they must first consult their spouse before a decision, and are never heard of again. The word "client" is, in this espect, misleading and the IFA should bear this in mind. Yours faithfully KEITH MITCHELL Alexanders Independent Financial Advisers. 3 Temple Chambers.

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From Mrs K. Gossage, Sir, Had the building societies inconceivable that the chief accounts in more than one understood the position of the executives of the societies name. When Abbey National first-named person vis-a-vis the disabled person, the current situation would, I feel sure, not have arisen (Fight for bonuses continues. Weekend

Money Letters, October 26). The first-named person is simply an enabler who makes it possible for the disabled person to have an account, in the same way as a translator makes a speech accessible to an audience who speak a different language. The money in the account belongs to the disabled person, who is therefore the de facto member of the so-

clety. Understanding this, it is sorted out the problem of for the interests of all their members, will not now wish to explore every possible way to avoid the great wrong which they are set to inflict on thousands of their members. Yours faithfully.

KRZYSIA GOSSAGE. Little Bravs. Kingston Stert. Chinner, Oxon.

From Wing Commander R. Dauncey, Sir, I am amazed that the building societies have not yet

went public xower of anorne was recorded in pass books in the form: "Richard Dauncey, Power of Attorney for Dorothy Dauncey" in the normal space for name and address of holder. Despite the legal status of power of attorney, they would not accept that Dorothy Dauncey, my cousin, was entitled to bonus shares. This was because I too held an Abbey National account. Legal advice was cited and it took them 18 months to admit their error and pay Miss. Dauncey the market value of

the shares, interest foregone and expenses incurred. The Abbey National now logically separate space inside the front cover. Why can't all societies do the same? Yours faithfulk RICHARD DAUNCEY, Lermoos, 34 Main Road, Naphill, High Wycombe.

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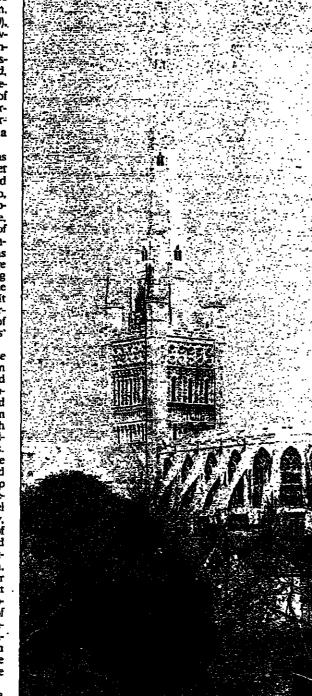
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## Scotland players kept in suspense

THE Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) broke with long-standing tradition vesterday. Instead of revealing the team to meet Australia next Saturday, the SRU offered a squad of 21 players, with the XV itself held back until Wednesday. With the availability, as from Monday, of substitutes in an international, there is now another tactical dimension to a game that not so long ago shunned even replacements for injured

One thing made clear was that Gregor Townsend would captain his country in a full international for the first time. in place of the injured Rob Wainwright, However, the position he will fill remains a

Wainwright, who has not played since the summer tour to New Zealand, hopes to be fit for consideration for the international against Italy on December 14, although the five nations championship may prove to be a more realistic target for the army doctor. who is recovering from operations on his groin and Achilles

He has been given no assurances that he will return as leader once fit, an indication. perhaps, that the SRU was not impressed by his high-profile involvement in protracted contract negotiations. Arthur Hastie, the new Scotland manager, said pointedly: "Gregor's Smith. the Watsonians prop, appointment is a one-off. We and Murray Wallace, the would hope to then have a

look at other candidates, of which Rob would be one.~

Hastie said the announce ment of a squad was an inevitable development in the professional era. "It will become like football," he said. "We may delay the announcement of the team until the actual day of the game. I don't see it as a bad thing."

Richie Dixon, the Scotland coach, would be against such a drastic development, but al Board's decision to increase

#### SQUAD

BACKS: G Townsend (Northampton, captain), G Armstrong (Newcastel: C Chalmers (Metrose), R Eriksson (London Soutish), S Hastings (Wasson Inst. K Logan (String) County), B Redpath (Metrose), R Shepherd (Metrose), A Stanger Harrot), D Stark (Metrose): Forwards: D Cronin (Waspa), G Elhs (Come), D Hiton (Bah); K McKenzel; (Suffing County), S Murray (Bedlard), E Paters (Barn), I Swith (Gloucescel: T Smith (Waspanas), B Stewart (Edinburgh Academicast), E Wallace (Glasgon Hill, G Weir (Newcastel)

the number of replacements from four to six, of whom five can be used as tactical substitutions and all six in the case of injuries, shifts the emphasis in selectorial policy. He said he could see no harm in keeping players on their toes

and the opposition guessing". There are no surprises in the squad itself. Among the forwards, the inclusion of Tom Glasgow HK flanker, was widely anticipated, given their performances for Scotland A against the touring team. Wallace could push Ian Smith hard, given the latter's lack of first-team rugby at Gloucester, which is a problem, too, for Eric Peters and David Hilton at Bath.

Peter Wright was not considered because of injury but the selectors would probably have kept faith with Barry Stewart in any event.

Possible permutations in the back division are many and varied. The likelihood is that Gary Armstrong and Craig Chalmers will be reunited at half back, with Townsend pushed reluctantly to outside centre to add pace and wit to Scotland's midfield. Derek Stark and Tony Stanger will compete for the right-wing berth, with Kenny Logan on the left and Rowen Shepherd at full back. Australia's injury worries

increased yesterday when David Giffen, a second-row forward, was forced to pull out of today's match against a Glasgow/Edinburgh XV at Old Anniesland, Giffen, who has a hamstring injury, is replaced by Warwick Waugh, who joined the tour as a replacement for Garrick Mor-

Owen Finnigan and Adam Magro are expected to arrive in Glasgow today after being summoned after injuries to Jason Little and Michael

## Robinson revels in union challenge

David Hands says the

flair and invention of a rugby league recruit widens Bath's options

is rugby union career — all of seven weeks old — has encompassed games against sides from England, Scotland, Wales. France and, today, Italy. If variety is the spice of life, then Jason Robinson has found more in that brief time than in all his burgeoning rugby league career with Wigan.

However, at 22, the world is Robinson's oyster. He joined the ranks of rugby union players with no great regard for the "other" code, but admits that Bath have surprised him. "It's been exciting. It's been an honour just to play for Bath against all those different teams," he said. "We don't have that kind of opponent in league — we may play Australia or New Zealand in Tests, so it's nice to see what other countries can produce." Yet if the Heineken Cup, in

which Robinson plays full back for Bath in Treviso today, has offered him a different dimension, so has he to Bath. Brian Ashton, their coach. describes him as a unique talent. Alan Davies. who watched Robinson light the blue touchpaper under his Bristol side in their Courage Clubs Championship game on Tuesday, which Bath won 76-7, is fascinated at the perceptions Robinson and his colleague, Henry Paul, bring

with them. "You have to get up on them so quickly to cut down their space, but they stand so deep



Robinson has made an explosive impact at Bath

and move so quickly it's not easy," Davies admitted, rue-Ashton cheerfully concedes that he lost a bet he made with Robinson that, from full back rather than his accustomed position of wing, he would be forced to kick

against Bristol. "I don't think Jason saw that as a challenge, I just don't think he recog-

nised it as an option." Ashton said. "I have never seen a nunning style like his, but oppo-nents underestimate his

footballing brain. He reads the game so quickly and he is always willing to learn more. The other players at Bath have taken to him and the fact that he's willing to take these calculated risks has opened up their minds to all the possibilities which exist.

"He creates space in a totally different way, because he finds support so quickly. because he doesn't hit the line in the conventional sense but he's so swift off the mark. With that kind of talent we don't need to call moves that often and defences these days are organised against moves. If we can put the defence where we want them and use the ability we have across the width of the field, it makes defending very difficult."

ust what Treviso will make of Robinson's jinking, jack-in-the-box explosive style will be seen this afternoon. At 5ft 7in there is not much to look at, but his 12st 7lb is nightly-packaged and his centre of gravity so close to the ground that he is desperately difficult to pin

The best ball I could have is that which is kicked to me and gives me time to have a go," Robinson said. "There is nothing I enjoy more.

"I don't need to kick when

the defence is not as it should be. Because of my style of play and having played rugby league, my first option is to take it back at them. But no matter who you are playing. you have to make sure you are ready, you need to be switched on for every game. It's a professional game and people are paying you a lot of money to do a job — if you don't do it, you may get the

#### Taylor's Belgian surprise

DENNIS TAYLOR lost all three of his frames as Belgium recorded a surprise 5-4 victory over Northern Ireland in the World Cup in Bangkok yesterday. Belgium levelled after going 4-2 down, then Taylor was beaten by Bjorn

Haneveer. Scotland beat South Africa 6-3 but lost their place at the top of qualifying group B when Canada overwhelmed Singapore 8-1. England strug-gled before beating China 5-4.

#### Lift for Langer

Golf: Bernhard Langer was on course for a confidence-boosting win in the Alfred Dunhill Masters in Hong Kong yesterday. He was one of four halfway leaders on 133. D Laura Davies was four shots off the lead after the first round of the Queens Cup in Azuma, Japan, yesterday.

#### Watkinson stays Cricket: Mike Warkinson is to

carry on as captain of Lancashire next season. The 35-year-old all-rounder led the county to the Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy double last summer but there was speculation about his future after a disappointing championship campaign.

#### Laslett out

Hockey: Jason Laslett, the Great Britain captain at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, has declared himself unavailable to play for England in the Golden Jubilee tournament in Karachi, Pakistan, in March.

**EQUESTRIANISM:** ELANVILLE MAKING UP FOR SUMMER SEASON LOST TO INJURY

### Whitaker too sharp for jump-off rivals

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JOHN WHITAKER gained the first British success at the Amsterdam World Cup Show vesterday when he and Elanville, a ten-year-old stallion he rates as "a useful allrounder", won the Rai Prize by 1.09sec. a comfortable margin. After being drawn fourth in

nine-horse jump-off.

that none of the six riders who followed him could match. His younger brother, Michael came closest on Magic Carpet, the winner of the Marcatel Classic in Monterrey, Mexico, two weeks ago. But four faults at the last fence relegated him to fifth place. Geoff Billington was sixth on It's Otto, a combination that will be among the favourites for the Volvo World Cup

Elanville missed most of the summer season after injuring a hind leg while travelling back from Hickstead, where he won a speed class, in May. He returned to competition in time for Paris last month and went on to Wembley, where he was the joint winner of the ouissance,

Whitaker had intended to jump him in the Amsterdam stallion class later yesterday for the richer classes to come. It proved a wise decision. Even at his best, Elanville would have found it difficult to heat Michel Robert and Vondeen. who sped over the 12 fences to gain their second win of the

It was a disappointing result for the Dutch, who take such great pride in their breeding programme, for the first three stallions in the event were all

#### FOR THE RECORD.

CRICKET

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v England A

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BOMUNG: Westim Akram 8,1-2-6-1; Shahid Nazir 9-0-31-2; Abdul Razcak 7,3-1-29-2; Seqlain Mushtaq 10-0-46-3; Shahid Amid 10-0-39-0; Salim Malik 3,3-0-13-0.

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BOWLING: Rennie 5-0-29-1; Mbangwn 5 4-0-48-0; P A Strang 8-1-44-0; G J Whittalf 3-0-18-0; A R Whittalf 5-0-26-1; B C Strang 4-1-21-0 Man of the match: Shahid Altidi. Umpires: Shakoor Rana (Pakistan) and Mahboob Khan (Pakistan).

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BOWLING: McMillen 10-2-35-0; Symcos 10-0-32-1; Klusener 7-0-65-1; Donald 9-0-47-1; Boje 10-0-42-2: Cronje 4-0-19-0. SOUTH AFRICA

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Man of the match: P L Symcox.

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## Tour culminates in farce as Britain are whitewashed

Great Britain ......12 FROM CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN CHRISTONURCH IGNOMINY was heaped on the agony of two narrow defeats in this miserable reminder of the last time New Zealand whitewashed Great Britain. They equalled their highest score against the Li-ons, which was set during their 3-0 series win in 1984.

Farce, which has accompanied the New Zealand leg of the tour, was there to its bitter end at Lancaster Park yesterday. Daryl Powell's 31st and last appearance for Britain was unceremoniously ended in a sending off for verbal abuse of the referee. Powell thought he had only been sinbinned and thus the shortest retirement in international history concluded in him playing the last minute without Steven Clark, the referee, noticing Britain were back up to a full complement. Clark's report to a New Zealand. Rugby League inquiry should

make interesting reading. Not that it made any difference. Matthew Ridge had weaved his way beneath the posts for New Zealand's sixth. try. The swaggering captain

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then indulged in some sledg-ing of the beaten Britain tacklers to which Powell took prolonged exception.

Even though the Britain dressing-room resembled a MASH unit before kick-off, Andrew Farrell, the captain. offered no excuses. "We got beaten by a better team and that's the bottom line," he said.

There have been worse nights for Britain in the past decade, generally in Australia,

Phil Larder, the Great Britain coach, was yesterday appointed coach of Sheffield Eagles. He will succeed Gary Hetherington, who left the club this week to become chief executive of Leeds.

but none quite so depressing in a country where highs have usually outnumbered the lows. New Zealand have assembled a team of rare athletic and creative ability. A lame and limp Britain hobbled across the finishing line of what has been, for some players, a 15-month season, in

disarray. lestyn Harris made some carving and uplifting runs in the second half. With Farrell and Goulding injected to

wonder Britain lacked an effective kicking game.

New Zealand were devastating in defence and attack. There was a momentary wobble, when Betts poached his third try of the series from acting half back. When Betts was making inroads, he carried the Britain assault virtually single-handed. But once they had surrendered to a blistering try by Timu, who easily brushed off Radlinski,

the signs were ominous. Jones and Ngamu, the exhilarating New Zealand half backs, spun the ball at every opportunity and ensured Britain left New Zealand without a win of any sort for the first time on tour.

SCORERS: New Zeeland: Tries: Hoppe (2), Timu, Wild, Mgamu, Radge Goels: Hodge (4) Great Billiain: Tries: Betts, Morley, Goels: Goulding (2). Mortey, Goster, Goulding (2).
NEW ZEALAND: M Ridge (Auckland); S Hoppe (Auckland); M Wid (Carberns), J Hoppe (Auckland); G Moster, (Auckland); G Moster, (Auckland); G Moster, (Auckland); G Young (South Cusenstand), S Eru (Auckland); Q Pongia (Carberna), T Ino (Sydney Cay), S Kearzey Auckland); T Smith (South Sydney). Subs: R Biackmore Auckland), Vagaste Auckland).

Austrania, L. Samura (Bradioro); Hunte (St. Heiers), K. Hadinski (Wigen), Powell (Keighley), B.J. Mather (Perfit); Hannond (St. Heiers), R. Goulding Heiers); P. Broadbant (Shefiseld), T. O'Con

## Momentous victory by tortuous route

WHO would have thought that men who spend their working lives fighting a constant battle against the evils of drug trafficking could be thrown into a tizzy by anything as sublimely and essentially trivial as a mere game?

Hardly seems likely, does it? However, a quick look at the faces of the winning team in the Northern Home Counties regional final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge at Mentmore yesterday would have proved that they were undergoing all sorts



of torture before their victory

was confirmed.` The competition, the last in the 12-event regional final series that has been taking place throughout the length and breadth of the country in the past four weeks, was won by the National Investigation Service of HM Customs and Excise with a score of 90 Stableford points.

They were three ahead of Tullett and Tokyo Forex Inter-national, who were level on points with Whitbread plc. but beat them into third place after a countback of the last

The Customs team of Maicolm Woodall, Colin Tennant, John Nicholson and Colin Shaw marked themselves out



Kendrick Rhodes, of Commercial Union Assurance, plays to the 10th green at Mentmore yesterday

as a quartet to be watched closely when they went through the turn with 49

Included in that tally were two seven-point scores, the first of which came on the 4th after two sixes and a five in the

first three holes. Woodall, whose 23 handicap gave him two shots on the par-five hole, hit the green with a five-wood, then two putts from 15 feet gave him a net three and four points. Nicholson had a net birdie four and three points.

bridge Wells UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE:

The second seven-pointer came on the 8th, where Nicholson had a net birdie for three points and Woodall rammed in a six-footer for a net cagle and four points.

The team wobbled more than somewhat on the inward nine, and they thought they were out of it when they scored only 41 points. But with the conditions becoming more testing as the day went on, they had done enough on the front half to claim a momentous victory. "We're immense-

ly relieved, but also a little bit

Sun Shalid: Croydon v Hedonoge; regards forest v Havening (10 0) Northern Ment: Bradford v Huddersfield Vernon Laggue; Bootle v St Heilens; Crosby v Chester; Liverpool v Presion, Inter-essociation: Blackburn v Burnley; Desby v Halesower; East Beth v Gosport; Gloucester v Heading; Hull v York; Mat Otten v White Horse; Rotherham v

surprised," Nicholson said. Finally, a small story of ambition thwarted. David Pratt, a former county cricketer, tried his level best to delay a heart bypass operation to play in the Osborne, Morris and Morgan team. Despite his entreaties, his consultant insisted that Pratt should go

under the knife. The operation was performed on the reluctant patient on October 17 and was a complete success. That a recovered but still frustrated Pratt wanted to put golf before

ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier di-vision A: Bishop's Stonford v Cambridge City; Colchester v Chelmstord; Ipswich v Sudbury: Peterborough Town v Cambridge Unix; Rechnidge and Brord v Dereham Premier devision B: Bedford Town v Humbrigdon; Bury S: Edmunds v Romford, Caction v Norwich Civic Ioswich and East

NOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pro

his state of health surely proves conclusively that here was a man with his priorities. and his heart, in the right

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#### PRESENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

(1) Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest. (2) Derby v Leicester (3) Leads v Sunderfend

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(8) Brotind v Fluddersfield

(9) Bradford v Oldhern

(10) Norwich v Charlton

(11) Codord Utd v Ipswich

(12) Port Valle v Birmingham

(13) Portsmouth v West Bromwich

(14) QPR v Stoke

(15) Southend v Reacting

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(31) Cartisle v Wigan

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(34) Fuffham v Lincofn

(35) Hartlepool v Brighton

(36) Herstord v Barnet

(37) Huff v Cambridge Utd

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(49) Berwick v Hamilton

— Clyde v Ayr

— Livingston v Dumbarton

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LINEBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Spennymoor v Colayn Bay (11.0).

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE Premier division: Bray v Fron Harps (2.45); Dundalk v Cork (3.15); Shermock v UCD (3.15).

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FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Arsenel v Southermolon (at Bronley FC, 20); Craydon v Melwall (at Bronley FC, 20); Chara, 20); Doncaster v Liverpool (12.0); Byerton v Travmen (at Merine FC, 12.30); Blassion v Wernbley (at New Marine FC, 12.30); Blassion v Wernbley (at New Marine Ground, 2.0).

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Crook, Blackpool (When) Rovers v Consett; 
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Naudralf Gald, Hasingden v Almador, Peterlee 
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Oldhem; Esangson Cottlery v Wilchham; 
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RTM. Newcastle; N Ferriby v Parkpate; 
Shofflon Cornsoles v Tow Law; South Shelids v 
Northaferon; Grove v Theolder; Ossett 
Abion v Ponteland; Ecclesiell v Morpetin; 
Denaby v Worsbro Bridgo MW. Hallam v 
Hatfleid Main; Long Buckloy v Oadby; Barrow 
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Brackley; Glepsiell v Pelesill V; Boldmer STM 
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Loverlock Green; Cooldosters v Boston; 
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Woodbridge; Vising Sports v Brache Sports; 
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Brach v Christon v Startseld; East Thurrock v Holyston v Wissocht, Wars v Peassows Port and; Histon v Stanisted; East Thurrock v Lowestott, Tiptree v Berkingside, Bremwood v Meidont, Standard v Edyware; Potton v Whitton; Bedford v Egymeste, Whitehawk v Bet Spotts; v Chestren: Filingmer v Burnisen, Aundie v Greenwich: Dordring v Reading: Ashtord (Mitchol) v Horshern; Carteston v North Leight; Abhrgdon v Epoorn and Erreit, Southwick v Whitehable; Stade Green v Thememment, Surgess Pill v Leedherhead; Windox and Ethn v Thetathern; Beclemenn v Radnet; Wick v Cray; Hissocick v Herne Bey; Sheppey v Paghen; Hellichen v Furness; Pint Tower v Godelming and Guidkord; Selesy v Gosport, Torpoint A v Chrippenhern; Tornigion v Odd Dowr; Shortwood v Thenton; Bedelord v Endeleigh; Porthawen, v Berneton Heath; Bridgheiger v Downtor; Minshed v Ameston; Devises v Cristianish v Paulion R; Saltesh v Cadbury Heath; Brockenhund v Dewilsh; Truro v Bridport; Lymingion AFC v Wemborn; Lymingion AFC v Wemborn; Limingion AFC v Wemborn; LSAGUE; First LMLET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE; First UNILET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne Town v Pescensven and Telscombe; Mile Cell v Three Bridges; Celsucod v Horsham YMCA: Saltziean v Portified: John O'Hani eisegue Cup: Second round: Beshall v Shorsham. HELLENIC LEAGUE Premier divisions Bicesser v Lambourn Sports; Didcot v Tuffley; Fairford v Swindon Supermarine, Highworth v

Preston Rengers; Chesterfield v Bergor City; Wovertempton v Asono Ville; Coventry v Leicester, Town and County Dismonds v Birmogham; Termooth v Calverton MW; Notes County v Newcasite Town; Highfield v Chester; Storage S v Streetcury; Totanham v Wimbledon; Abbey v Chelmstord; Brentford and Hampton v Whitehawk; Harlequins v Caucion; Berkmansed v Chester; Brigord v Chelman; London v Sawonidosworth; Brigoton v Newtenn; Bedford Balls v Three Bridges; Cherton v Duhetch Hamilet; Harlow v MB HB; Cochester v Collier R; Igasuich v Surbiton; Wattord and Evergreen v Bernet; Futhern v Capton; Hackney v Denkam; Worcester v Birtheld; Portsmouth v Odord Ukt; Reading Royale v Serindon; Bath v Oleefort; Berry v Bristol City; Stough v Serindon Spittins; Sherbome v Yess; Carolif County v Cebletel RUGSEY UNION

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Boswels; Arman v Aberdeen GSFP, Berwork v Greenock Windra: Cambusiang v
Hamilton Acade; Dunber v Morgan Acad:
Dunfermine v Strathchyde Police; Duns v
Madras Coli FP, Edinburgh Univ v Royal
High; Falferk v Linishgow; Garnock v
Hachisons Aloysiang; Howe of Fife v
Datziel; Leith Acade v Tinnity Acade; Lende
v Hawich Trades; Livingston v Gale YM;
Lochaber v Marr; Murrayfield v East
Klübnde; Ross High v Ardrossan Acade,
Stewarty v Durthies; Straffmore v Cartina QP;
Whitecreigs v Hawick Linden

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COMBINATION: Premier division: Avechurch v Massey Ferguson, Coleshill v.

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LEAGUE: First division: Cheste-te-Street v
Durston Federation: Stockon v Durston
Guisbonough v West Auckland, Seatharn Red
Star v Murron. PRESS & JOURNÁL HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora v Lossemouth, Clachmacuddin v Fraserburgh: Cove v Rothes; Bign v Forres Mechanics; Hurdy v Buckle Thistis; Nahr County v Deveronale. Posenhead v Forr William; Wich Academy v Keith SMIPNOFF IRISH LEAGUE Premier di-vision: Arcis v Glensvort, Crusaders v Glensoran, Linfield v Cithonsille; Portaciown v Coleraine. First division: Bellymens v Lame; Camick v Chreigh; Distillery v Bangor; Newn v Bellyclare. Carrick v Orneght: Distallery v Bangor, Newry v Batyclare SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGULE: First division: Charlton v Southend (11 0). Chesea v Cambridge Unaed (11 0); Fusham v Leyton Onert (11 0); Ipsakot v Totsentern (17.0); Maksal v Glangham (11.0); Portsmouth v West Ham (11.0); OPR v Arsenal (10.45), Wattord v Norwach (11.0) Second division: Barnet v Southernpton (11 0); Bounemouth v Colchester (12 0), Berndord v Entrol Rovers (11.0); Brighton v Reading (11 0); Crystal Palace v Bristol City (11.0); Swindord v Oddrid Unico (11.0); Christon (11 0); Wycombe v Luton (11 0); OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: O Ignatiana v Clapham OX.

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE Premier division: Barlord Tigers v Havarit (at Holyhead Leisure Centre, 1 0); Guiddord v Reading (at King's Menor School, 12.0); Hounsiow v Caratolury (at Duless Meadow, Chswick, 2.0); Old Loughtoniers v East Grinstead (at Chigwell, 130); Surbition v Southgete (at Sugden Road, 2.30); Teddington v Carmock (at Duless Meadow, Chswick, 12.0). First division: Beeston v Sheffield (at Highfields, Nottingham, 2.0); Borneville v St. Albans (at King Edward Girts School, Edgbaston, 2.30); Borniery v Staupport (at Priory Leisure Centre, Official (at Highfields, Nottingham, 2.0); Bornierino, 1.0); Booklands v Trolans (at Georges Road, Sale, 2.0); City of Portsmouth Varintigion (at Alexandra Park, Portsmouth, 1.30); Crostyl v Harteston Magpies (at Chigwell, 1.0); Doncaster v Gloucester City (at Bennetthope, 2.0); Edgbaston v Firebrands (at Bernetthope, 2.0); Edgbaston V Firebrands (at Bennetthope, 2.0); Edgbaston V Prebrands (at Bennetthope, 2.0); Indian Gymriana v Oxford University (at Thombury Avenue, steworth, 2.30), Isra v Oxford Hawks (at Exeter School, 12.30).

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AEMHA PLATE: Fifth round: Atalanta v Bognor Regis: Ben Rhydding v Ambleside; Brentwood v Harrow, British Anways v Cheshunt; Bromley v Maldon

HOCKEY

Seldis; Wolverhempton United v Gomel Res.
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE First
division: Atherion Collemes v Chadderton:
Bootle v Glossop North End; Clitheroe v
Esstwood H, Darwen v Permitt, Kldsgrowe v
Saliond; Mossley v Maine Road; Prescot v
Rossendale Cup: First round replay.
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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
Premier division: Belper Town v Armithorpe
Wellare; Brog Town v Pickering:
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OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Shef-field v Birmingham (7.0): London v Worthing (5.0) Classic Cola Cup: Chester v Leopards (8.0).

ICE HOCKEY: Superleague: Ayr v Brachnell (5.0); Manchester v Basingstoke (6.0): Carditt v Newcastle (6.0)

TENNIS: Women's challenger tournamen (n Edinburgh)

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VOLLEYBALL: National League: Worn-er; First division: Sallord v Liverpool (2.15), Sheffield v Essex (1.0); Guildford v Orpagton (2.30); London v Leets (1.30)

Univ. Hendon v Burni Ash; Horsham v Camberley; Kasering v Legistron Buzzard. Leyland Motors v Poyriton. Lincon Imps. v Norwich Union: Liverpool v Bowdon; Litton Town v Buckingham. Maxenhead v Basingstoke; Manchester Peelers v Didebury Grays; Milon Keynes v Bastland; Morpeth v Bilingham: North Staffs v Worcester Norton; Norwich City v Bury St. Edmonds; Peruzance v Sidmouth, FHC Chswick v Welwyn Garden Cey, Reading v Southampton, Redditch v East Gloucs; Sheffield v Ormslark, Ford: Southgale v Baskeders; Stanes v Broobourner, Stockton v Newcastle; Sundoury v South Hens; Swindon v Rower Cowley; Tax Valley v Bude; Whitely Bay v Driffield: Winchester v Newtungfon Park v Blackbur; Wolverhampton v Crimson Remblers; Yate and S Gloucs v Exeler OMORROW (Esser), Brooklands v Deeside Ramblens, Chelterham CS v Leominster, Chess Valleyv Dulwich, Chippenham v Eustieight, Children v Famiram Conmon; Cinenossier v Banbury, Crosby v Ade; Daventry v Oxford Hawks, Dereham v Branston; Deley v Oswestry, Gravesand v Deat; Ipswich and E Suffolk v Cambridge Cfty, Long Buckby v Stratford, Loughborough v Litington; Lychett Minster v Aldershot and Famiram, Newerit v Bath, Oldham v Wigar, Pavlors v Mattock Batleans; Peterborough v Christichusch (Suffolk); Philippians v Wooton Basseth, Portished Firebrands v Yoovil and Sherborne; Roseberry v Formby, St Austell v Newton Abboti, St Neots v Northampton, Sevencalis v Redbridge and liftord; Turbridge Wells v Richmond; West Herits v Ranslagh, Wheldin v King's Heath; York v Worksop.

RUGBY LEAGUE NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Dudloy Hill v Saddieworth (2:30): Heworth v Leigh Miners (2:30): Heworth v Leigh Miners (2:30): Second division: Barnow Island v Blackbrook (2:30): East Leads v Moldgreen (2:30): Second division: Eccles v Shew Cross (2:30): Normanian v Redhill (2:30), Stofauigh v Featherstone Amsteur (2:30): York Acom v New Earswick (2:30) OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Classic Cola Cup: Manchester v Crystal Palacs (7.30): Cov-entry v Sheffield (7.30): Birmingfram v Hermel and Watorra (7.30): Cardid v Thannet (9.0): Watorra u Nicercette 18.0): Thannet (8.0).

BOWLS: Liberty Trophy: Group matches: Durham v Northumberand. Lancaschire v Cumbra, Detayshire v Nottinghamstire; Linconshire v Yorkshire: Leconstreshire v Warwickshire; Worcestershire v Aorthamptonehme: Heritorishire v Beldrotshire. Nortolk v Cambridgeshire: Oxfordshire v Heretordshire: Witishire v Gloucestershire, Comwall v Somerset, Dorset v Devon: Hampshire v Berkshire: Sussex v Buckinghamshire; Kem v Middleset, Surrey v Essex.

BOXING: European heavyweight champ-ionship: Zelsko Mawowc (Cro. holder) v Clifton Matchell (Derby) (Garmsch)

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LACROSSE: Trenguler international fourrement (Benbury) Shephards Friendly
Society Lesgue: Bronier disclosiTimperley v Beardman and Eccles:
Humeens v Heason Mersey; Succipor v
Poynton, Cheadle Hume v Old Waconians,
Moorthorpe v Cheadle TENNIS: Women's challenger tournament (in Edinburgh)

(8.30); Stoke v Crofton (6.30); Eafing v Wesser (7.0).

**RUGBY UNION** 

Heineken Cup Pool A Treviso v Bath (1.30) Dax v Pontypridd (6.30) Lexcester v Litanetii ... ...

WELSH WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Harlequins v Caledonia ... .

Swansea v Perann
AEWHA CUP: Second round: Ashford
(Kent) v Wallington, Bedeyhseth v Chean;
Beshops Stortland v Besidon Bindganorth v
Hereford; Chamook v Adindge; Eastcote v
Berkhampstead and Hml Hempstead;
Epoom v Wolmigham; Femborough v
Sorining; Guiddord v Gore Court: Harborne
v Dudley, Harleston Magoeys v Cambridge Pool D Milan v Wasps (1,30). Toulouse v Munster (4.0). Montierrand v Newport (2 0) .

Dinamo Bucharest v Bristol (12.0) ....... Narbonne v Castres (6.30) ..... ..... Treorchy v Bridgend (2.30) ..... Pool C Connacht v Orrell

(at Sports Ground, Galway, 2.30)

Dunvant v Toulon (2.30)

Padova v Northampton (1.30)...... Pool D

Begles-Bordeaux v Ebbw Vale (7.30) Bourgoin v Swansea (2.0) .... London Insh v Gioucester .... Courage Clubs Championship Second division Bedford v Moseley Blackheath v Rugby

Third round

Bridington v Wigton (2 30)
Cheltenham v Henley (2 30)
Esher v Bracknell (2 30)
Esher v Barnstaple
Leeds v Redruth
Liverpool St Helens v Walsall (2 30)
London Welsh v Reading (2 30)
Morley v Aspatria
Newbury v Citton
Otley v Wharledale (2 15)
Preston Grasshoppers v Fylde (2 30)
Rosslyn Park v Havartt (2 30)
Sandal v Kendal (2 15)
Swanage and Wareham v Lydney (2 30)
Weston super-Mare v Bishop's Stortlord
Widnes v Harrogale (2 30)
Welsh Leapue

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Aberaxon v Bonymaen (2.30)
Blackwood v Abercynon (2.30) ...
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Pontypool v Cardiff Institute (2.30) ...
South Wales Police v Abertillery (2.30)
Ystradgyntais v Llandovery (2.30) .... THIRD DMISION: Kenfig Hill v Tondu. Llanharan v Tredegar: Merthyr v Mountain Ash; Narberth v Penantr, Pyle v Burtin Wells. Tenby United v Rumney

TENNENTS 1556 CUP: Second round: Bute v Earlston, Helensburgh v Morey Bute v Earlston, Hetensburgh v Morey
CLUB MATCHES (2.30) Ayr v Glasgow
Southern, Bogger v Glonrothes; Bartingham/Solihull v New Brighton; Boroughmus
v Preston Lodge; Corstonbine v Edinburgh
Wandeters, Curne v Alminds, Derby v
Stourbridge; Dundee HSFP v Henori's FP;
Haunch v Sellurit; Healeroff v Gloucester Old
Boys; High Wycombe v Ealing,
Hilmead/Jordannii v Glasgow Academicals; Nilmemods v Gordonems Kirkraldy v
Wesr of Scotland; Lichield v Burton,
Melrose v Kelso; Peobles v Jed-Fores;
Watsonijans v Edinburgh Academicals;
Worcester v Loughborough University



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## Centre Stalls to upstage rivals

By JULIAN MUSCAT

THE compelling duel for the 1996 Flat trainers' championship reaches a pivotal stage at Newmarket today when Henry Cecil and Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin stable lock horns in one of the few remaining races of substance. where the prevailing fast ground has inevitably taken

The ceremonial dagger which prompted great theatre between the protagonists here two weeks ago - is now safely lodged in the vaults at Warren Place. But there is no escaping the fact that the televised Ben Marshall Stakes (240) affords Cecil one final thrust. His Ali-Royal must defeat Godolphin's Fatefully if Cecil is to retrieve the deficit.

Improving fillies can be lethal in the autumn and Fatefully perfectly fits the mould. However, Fatefully, despite winning her last three starts, has yet to produce the sort of spell-binding perfor-mance for which Ali-Royal is renowned. It boils down to Fatefully's consistency against the infuriating Ali-Royal, who alternates between brilliance

Should Ali-Royal so consent. Cecil will be greeting him before Fatefully crosses the winning line. Yet the colt, a half-brother to Sleepytime, remains too unpredictable to recommend. A better prospect is the Fulke Johnson 22 miles. Houghton-trained Centre 2.30: Uncle Ernie showed he

Stalls, who disappointed in a higher grade last time.
All this talk of trainers' championships has deflected the spotlight from the National Hunt scene. Some topclass steeplechasers reappear today in televised fixtures from Wetherby and Ascot.

#### its toll on the size of the fields. ASCOT BBC 1

1.20: Riding Crop stands out in an uninspiring contest. The better of his two bumper efforts came on softer ground but connections would surely not risk him in unsuitable conditions. Ernest William probably poses the biggest threat even though his form is distinctly moderate.

1.55: Straight Talk, who hails from an in-form stable, is reportedly straighter for his recent outing at Kempton. He has winning form at this venue, but so, too, does Go Ballistic. The seven-year-old closed out on a winning note here seven months ago and ran with promise over hurdles last month. Arthur's Minstrel tends to be better for his seasonal debut. Commercial Artist is better served by softer ground, while Senor El Betrutti is unproven beyond 2½ miles.

3.45 Delta Soleil



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

was no back number when scoring at Punchestown in April. He looks the principal danger to Storm Alert, who races off an attractive mark after a disappointing campaign last term. Always best fresh. Storm Alert can land this event for the third time in four years. Big Matt handles all surfaces but usually improves for his seasonal debut.

#### WETHERBY **CHANNEL 4**

2.50: Trainglot, narrowly the master of Treasure Again at the Cheltenham Festival, is 71b better off here. That entitles him to the vote as much as his fine effort to finish ninth in the Cesarewitch on the Flat re-

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: QUILLING (4.15 Newmarket) Next best: Master Beveled (3.45 Newmarket)

cently. What A Question has her favoured ground, but this tough mare is vulnerable to Trainglot's turn of foot. Non Vintage is an unknown quantity over this trip. 3.25: It will be disappointing if

One Man cannot cope with Barton Bank. despite the latter's fine record in this race. The grey chaser has never been at home around Cheltenham and should be forgiven his ignominious Gold Cup defeat. Scotton Banks is much improved but he may struggle in this league. Young Hustler, favoured by both conditions and surface, was below par throughout last season. 4.00: With Kerawi, Kernof

and Lagan in this field, the anticipated strong gallop will militate against some promising debutants. Kerawi looked primed for a winning start at Newbury and may not improve much. First-time blinkers sharpened Kernol's jumping last time, but Lagan impressed when defeating 18 opponents here two weeks ago. He should again cope with Jackson Park and Phantom Dancer.

#### NEWMARKET **CHANNEL 4**

2.40: See above. 3.10: The free-running tenden-cies of Attitre, Bold Words and Shadow Lead lend no encouragement for this extreme test of juvenile stamina. Those with suspect pedigrees include Cinema Paradiso, Mister Pink and My Valentina. The finish should concern Eldorado and Silver Patriarch, whose greater experience earns him the vote. Eldorado has plenty of scope but looked desperately green when winning at Bath in September.

3.45: Hawksley Hill, who mastered High Premium and Artful Dane (Winston and Flying North further behind) in a similar race last month, may struggle to confirm that form. Ashby Hill will be popular but now tackles stiffer opposition. Alsahib. Prince Babar and Dreams End are others to consider but a chance is taken on Committal.

John Gosden's representative seemed a prime candidate to be culled at the recent Newmarket sales, so Gosden's perserverance is encouraging. After a promising juvenile campaign, Committal has rapidly descended the handicap. A recent outing at Newbury should have sharpened him up.

4.15: Three against the field in this trappy handicap are Amber Fort, Broughton's Pride and Persian Fayre. The lastnamed ran his best race most recently, Broughton's Pride showed promise last time but Amber Fort came good with a vengeance at Newbury. He is firmly on the upgrade.

3.10 ZETLAND STAKES

(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,523: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

3.45 LADBROKE AUTUMN HANDICAP

1995: GEATTLHONGNE 6-11 ? Olumn (5-2) P Cole 6 ran

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BOLD WORDS beal Intests Mix 191 in nursery here (1m. good). CINEMA PARADISCO 31 2nd of 3 to Samura Sents in conditions race all Senters (1m. pood) ELDORADO beat Sho The Net 275 in maiden at Beath (1m 21, good). SHADOW LEAD 4441 4th Selection: ELDORADO

2.900. 110] (20 IMHEIS)

(1) 232301 PRINCE BABAR 22 (0.6) (6 Prichard-Gordon J Baris 5-10-0 R Mislien (7) 14) 241020 (ANYEE 28 (0.5 (3.5) (1 Richmond-Watson) 6 Hamood 7-9-13 \_\_\_\_\_ A Clark (6) 216-000 COMMITTAL 7 (0.6) (Shebb Mchammed) J Gordon 3-9-10 \_\_\_\_ L Debud (26) 45624 WELTON ANSEMAL 5 (V.5.6) (Business Forms) M Chammal 4-9-8 Candy Mones (15) 226251 HAMMSLEY HILL 14 (CD.F.G) (H. Alexander) Mrs. J Barrader, 3-9-4 \_ J Fothere (2) 001100 SKY DOME 28 (CD.F.G) (Ries D Miscan) M Torrebres 3-9-2 \_ T Chammal (3) 43-5040 DELTA SOLEL 14 (0.7) (American Connection) P Hams 4-9-2 \_ G Hand (4) 311-30 CARBURTON (189 (F.S) (B Fart) J Glover 3-9-0 \_ S Sanders (7) 120000 SAFAN 4 (8.CD.F.G) (Mrs L Broad) D Mones 7-8-13 \_ N Cayllage (3) 052112 High PREMIUM 14 (0.F.G) (J Parsons) R Fabry 8-8-12 \_ A Cadhane (5) 10-5000 TREMPLIN 21 (5) (M Tabor) N Callegina 4-8-12 \_ S Wilshamdth (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8-18 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8-18 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8-18 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8-18 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.G) (Sandmont Lut) T Essenty 5-8-8 M Broad (17) 125005 SANOMEOR CHAMBRAY 14 (8.F.

BETTING: 5-1 Hawksley Hill. 8-1 Carburton, 10-1 High Premium, 12-1 Achty Hill, Detta Screel, 14-7 Royal Jade. 16-1 Alsthib, Arthil Dane, Dreams End, Gladys Althorpe, Prince Baltar, Winshox, 20-1 others.

1995: TARAWA 3-9-2 R Hughes (9-1) N Callacten 30 ran



One Man makes his seasonal reappearance in the Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby

#### NEWMARKET

THUNDERER 1.00 Rebecca Sharp 2,40 Ali-Royal 3.10 Attitre

2.05 UNSHAKEN (nap) 4.15 Quilling The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 SHADOW LEAD.

Our Newmarkel Correspondent, 1.00 Gingersnap. 2.40 ALI-ROYAL (nap), 3.45 Prince Babar.

#### **GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD**

103 (12) 0-0-022 GOOD TBMES 74 (CD,BF.F.G.S.) (Mrs. D Rablescon B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88 Racecad number Oran in trackets So, ague form (F - fell P - pulled up U - urscalled nder B - brusphi down. S - stoped up B - refused O - disqualfied) Horse's name. Obysonce lect outing J il jumps F a filat. (B - blueter S - vison H - blood E - Erestueld C - course wither O - distance within CD -course and distance winner BF - beats tavounte in latest racet. Going on which horse has won (F — Girm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S - soit, good to soit, heavy). Owner in bracket

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

12.50 Squire's Occasion

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

(3-Y-O. £4.175: 2m 110yd) (2 runners)

BETTENS: 2-7 Squire's Occasion, 5-2 Ambei Reng

12.50 BINFIELD JUYENILE NOVICES HURDLE

1.20 Riding Crop

1.55 Straight Talk

1.30 Princess Of Hearts

DRAW, NO ADVANTAGE

<b>1</b> .	00	EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND BALATON LODGE MAIDEN FILLIES ?-Y-O. £4,143, 7f) (24 numers)
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102	130	APPLE BRANDY (High-clere) G Lewis 8-11 . G Hind BEGURNE (H de Walden) W Jaros 8-11 J Weaver
	(6)	O BILUEYGREEN 28 (Bloomshury Stud) F Chapple-Hyam 8-11 N Day 1
	. 31	CORETTA (G Leigh)   Cumani 8-11
	1151	O DAMANKA 8 (8 H Burrough) M Bell 8-11 M Fection
	ា	o DOUBLE OCHT 72 i R Salter R Hele R-11 G Dutfield
	(2)	DOYR LA (Saeed Manara) D Loder 8-11
	(191	S HKH- AS A MANULUL III II LTAMISI MI CILTANNII NELLI
	(21)	GINGERSNAP (7 Hottenst-Blanton) H Cecal 8-11 Pat Eddery GLACIER (The Queen't Lord Hubbingdon 8-11 D Harmson D. JUCRDA 19 (Nrs. 5 Wakson ) J Pearts 8-11 G Bandwell LA CURAMALAL (F. Zichy-Thysam) G Wrangy 8-11 A Clark
	(11)	GLACIER (The Useen) Lord Hustingdon 8-11 D Harrison
111	(2)	D JUCRIDA 19 (Mrs 5 Watson) J Pearce 8-11
	151	LA CURAMALAL (F Zichy-Thyssen) G Wrapp 8-11
113	(13)	MARQUALLA (A Christodoulou) M Stoute 8-11 K Darby MARQQA (Shahn Mohammed) J Gouden 8-11 L Deston NIGHT SCEPTRE (Sceptre Racrog) R Amstrong 8-11 G Carter NUGHE (A Harson) B Holls 6-11 J D Smath (3)
114	(4)	MAROZIA (Sheith Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 L Delton
115	เกิ	NUSHT SCEPTRE (Sceptre Racrop) R Amistrong 8-11 G Carter NUBLE (J Harson) B Hulls 6-11 J D Smath (3)
116	(8)	NUBLE (J Harson) B Hulls 6-11
117	(20)	PALISADE (N. Abdulta) H. Card 8-11
118	(161	
119	(14)	RESECCA SHARP (A Oppenheimer) G Wagg 8-11 M Hills
	(10)	RUSSIAN OLIVE (Lord Camervon) L Current 8-11
	(12)	5 SEATTLE SWING 39 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Gosden 8-11 . J Carroll 4
	(9)	SHARKIYAH (H 4) Maktoumi R Amestrong 8-11
	(16)	3 SILVER KRISTAL 56 (E Parker) R Abehural 8-11 T Quinn (
124		ST BLAINE (Mrs V Krait Payson) D Loder 8-11
		Gongersnap, 5-1 Rebecco Sharp, 7-1 Begunne, 8-1 Marcica, St Blanne, 10-1 Salver Kustal, Palisati Ba <i>rudta, Doyella, 14-1 other</i> s

1996: AWAAMER 8-11 R Hills (2-1) J Gooden 19 rad

3 SOURCE'S OCCASION 14 (Chelgate Public Relations Ltd) R Altenursi 11-0 A P McCoy (§ 42F3) AMBER RING 21 (Pine Crest Racing) Mass K George 10-9 . . . . . . J R Karanagh (§

6- AL MELAL 28F (Marson ) Junatins 4-11-0 A P McCoy
00-F ERNEST WILLIAM 22 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-11-0 K Gante (3)
35- ROUND GRUP 244 (The Bornes Boys) N Herbardson 6-11-0 M A Fizupraid
SAHEL B10F (Pipers Partnership) J Multins 8-11-0 S Carran
0/40- CIPPLANI CILEEN 294 (Tor Royal Record Cub) J Gifford 6-10-9 P Hube ELZURN 70F (Weyman ) Fox 4-10-9 S Fox

1995: OCEAN HAWK 11-0 C Maude (14-1) N Twiston-Davies 6 rat

1.20 UNITED HOUSE DEVELOPMENT NOVICES HURDLE BBC1

1995: SPEEDWELL PRINCE 5-11-4 C Maude (6-1) N Twiston-Cornes 11 cm

FORM FOCUS

AL HELAL 12% I Gith of 18 to Welsh Grd in National Hunt Flat race at Foliassisme (2m 11 10yd, good to hmil). CIPRIAN CUEEN 541 14m of 20 to helding) ERMEST WILLIAM let 5th behand Montel Express in 9-runner nonce hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 41 10yd, good to firm). RIDING CROP 16% I 5th of 7 to Sir Danie in Selection: RIDING CROP

COURSE SPECIALISTS

30 8 J Osborne 23.7 A P McCoy 22.7 R Johnson 19.7 M A Fitzgerald 16.7 W Marston 16.7 P Hide

2.30 Uncle Emie 3.05 Aslar

3.40 Strong Promise

**ASCOT** 

THUNDERER

1.30 NGK SPARK PLUGS SELLING STAKES -Y-0: £4,078: 1m) (22 runners)

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201	(2)	300196	IMPERIAL OR METRIC 12 (O.F) (C Bigley) J Berry 9-0	96
<b>Z02</b>	ເຊຍ		SUMMERVILLE WOOD 16 (B.F.) (Likely Lasts) P Mooney 9-0 . P McCabe (3)	
203	(19)	303065	AFICIONADO 16 (A Pye-Jeany) R J Houghton B-11	<b>\$</b> 5
.04	(21)	0	DON'T FOOL ME 42 (P Mooney) P Mooney 8-11	-
305	(1-1	0	DOUBLE-0 15 (R Bids) W Jarvis 8-11	-
206	(18)	66330	HALLMARK 12 (O Gallop) R Harmon 8-11 Dane O'Nest	92
207	េក	0500	HEGGIES 12 (C Equation) C Egenton 8-11 L Delbox	71
708	(1)	900	MELLWOOD 54 (M Tomplus) M Tomplus 8-11 M Henry (3)	-
209	(5)	800	MOTCOMBS CLUB 57 (Motcombs Racing) N Callaghan 8-11 Pat Edgery	85
210	(15)	60	PRINCE JORDAN 16 (E Carler)   Campbell 8-11 M. Wighten	-
211	(12)	00	SAM'S YER MAN 16 (Mrs L Ward) S Widlams 8-11 6 Had	-
212	(16)		ZAFARELLI (Mess L Ward) S Williams 8-11	=
313	(10)	300220	PRINCESS OF HEARTS 5 (B,F) (A Rext) 8 Meetin 8-9 T Charm	•
214	(3)		BEVELED MILL (Mrs E Davison) P Evens 8-6	
215	(17)	060	FLOOD'S HOT STUFF 14 (R Flood) M Channon 8-6	-
216	16)		INE'S PET (B) (M. Jarvis) M. Jarvis 8-6	-
217	(13)	0	MECHELS: 12 (5 Lyces) Green) J Parme 8-6	_
218	(8)		MORTHERN TOUCH (J Brown) 5 Williams 8-6 D R McCabe	-
219	(22)	0	PANCA 16 (P Cunningham) J Pearce 8-6	-
0	(11)	0503	ROYAL ROULETTE 14 (W Jackson) S Woods 8-5 D Beggs	87
221	[4]		SANTELLA TWONINGE (D & L Racing) D Morns 8-6	
	(9)		SHEEBA 14 (Racing Thoroughbreds) Miss A Embricos 8-6 — A McCarthy (7)	
BETTI	NG: 9-	: Molcomi	z Club, 5-1 Imperal Or Metric, 11-2 Princess Of Hearts, 6-1 Suromerable Wood,	, î-1
Alcor	12de, &	1 Hallmari	, 14-1 Heggies, 16-1 others	
			1995 POLAR SPIRIT 6-6 R Hills (100-30) W Hagges 14 can	
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2.05 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS CONDITIONS STAKES

'n	(8)	354002	HOW LONGS 41 (F) (M. Bolle) L Current 3-9-8	
2	(2)	2140	SAFEEB. 14 (G) (Godolphin) S bin Suron 3-9-8 L Depton	B
13	(6)	03-3000	ACMELLA 11 (D.G) (8 Pannick) G L Moore 3-9-3	8
μ.	(1)	100050	NASSANT 21 (D.G.S.) (W Graham) R McKellar 3-9-3 J Carroll	8
35	(5)	1	VOLLEY 25 (D.F) (Three Shires) J Berry 3-9-3	90
16	(4)	50	WINDRUSH HOLLY 9 (Regal Wilney) J Busley 3-9-0	7.
17	iñ	21035	VASARE 16 (G) (A Tuckerman) M Chemnon 2-8-8	9
И	(3)	01	UNSHAKEN 12 (S) (W Gredley) J Fandrove 2-6-5	80
עוד	IG: 5-2	How Lone	g. 4-1 Saherei, Urshaken, 5-1 Volley, 6-1 Vasart, 10-1 Agnelia 20-1 others.	
			1995: B.SHABIBA 8-5 T Own (4-6 law) J Dunkop 6 ran	

2.40 BEN MARSHALL STAKES

ie	ed rai	ce: £11,	169: 1m) (8 runners)	
	(8)	214132		91
	'n	150221	ALI-ROYAL 33 (C.D.G.S) (Greenbay Stables) H Cecil 3-8-13 Pat Eddery CENTRE STALLS 27 (D.F.G.S) (A Pye-Jeary) R J Haughton 3-8-13 S Sanders	98
	(2)	0-20110	CENTRE STALLS 27 (D.F.G.S) (A Pye-Jeany) R J Houghton 3-8-13 S Sanders	毽
	(5)	430253	CELESTIAL KEY 7 (CD.F.G) (M Brodnes) M Johnston 6-8-12 J Wesner	93
	(1)	22-0022	MUO 15 (CD,G,S) (A A) Maldourn) D Loder 5-8-12 D H McCabe	93
	(6)	10	LICHIZE 15 (C,F) (M Tabor) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-10 D Harrison	70
•	(3)	012111	FATEFULLY 22 (D.F.G) (Godolphin) S bin Surger 3-8-8 L Dettors	98
	(4)	300143	MY BRANCH 16 (F,G) (W Saxd) B HBIs 3-8-8	93
D	G: 54	? Falebaly.	11-4 Als-Royal, 9-2 Centre Stalls, My Branch, 10-1 Cool Edge, 12-7 others	
		19	95. CELESTIAL KEY 5-8-12 P Robinson (25-1) M Johaston 7 ran	

FORM FOCUS

COOL EDGE 1 to I Zood of 5 to Witzand King in group III Coolemore Stud Home Of Champson: Concorde Stakes at Toperary (7), good to yield) ALL-ROVAL beat RSLO (5th worse of) 12 th 6-numer condi- itens race at Bath (1m. good to solly CENTRE STALLS beat Wizzard King 1341 in 8-numer Issael	Race at Remoton (1m, good), FATERULLY best Scarlet Plume 11/5 in 12-runner ficied race at Asco (1m, good) My BRANCH at 3xd of 8 in Charmeton Freest of the group if Chatlenge States here (7 good to firm)  Selection: ALL-ROYAL

PRINCE BABAR boat Rucsion Music %1 in 14numer apprentice conditions race at Ascot (1m, good). HAMKSLEY HILL beat HIGH PRIEMENTAL (1m, good). HAMKSLEY HILL beat HIGH PRIEMENTAL (1m, good). HAMKSLEY HILL beat consum and distance (good) with ARTPILL DANE (5b belier oft) 11 and. HIGH PRIEMENTAL beat (1m, good) with ARTPILL DANE (7b) beats oft) 11 and a 74-numer hough-cap at Ascot (1m, good) with ARTPILL DANE (7b)

Selection: DUELLO standard and in landscap at Batashary (1m, soft). SALTANDO beat Toulours Rivera 11/41 in handscap and distance (firm)

Selection: DUELLO Standard (1m)

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FORM FOCUS

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going: good

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12.50 (6f) 1, KUMAIT (L Detion, 7-2); 2, Einadim (R Hills, Evens lav); 3, Zeahir (M Hills, 4-1) ALSO RAN, 25 Hardiprincess, Zest, 33 First Chance (4th), Ioulios, Rotor Man, The Green Grey, 50 Blood Orange (5th), Supreme Maimoon (5th), 11 fen 134, 34, 42, ink, 8 bin Suroor at Newmarker Tole: £3 60; £1 10, £1.60, £1 80, DF £2 10 Trio: £1.70, CSF: £6.87 ET 80. DF \$2.10 Ind \$1.70, CSF: 20.07 1.20 (1m) 1. RIVER USK (W Ryan, 5-1); 2, Bernum Sands (Pat Eddary, 49 lav); 3, Our People (J Weaver, 7-2); ALSO RAN; 20 Get The Point (4th). 4 ran. Hd. 254, 134 H Cecl at Newmarket Tota 55.00 DF: \$2.00, CSF \$9.24,

DF: £2 00. CSF \$9.24.

1.55 (1m 2f) 1, PROPER BLUE (\$1.55 (1m 2f) 1, PROPER BLUE (\$1.55 (1m 2f) 1, PROPER BLUE (\$1.55 (1m 2f) 2, PROPER BLUE (\$1.55 (1m 2f)

CSF 233 08.

2:30 (2m) 1, ORCHESTRA STALL (7 Cusm. 7-2 fsv), 2, Leonato (J F Egan, 25-1), 3, Zaforum (L. Dettorl, 10-1). ALSO RAN' 4 Corradini, 5 Ramends (4th), 7 Jiyush, 10 Mount Pleasant, 11 En Vacances (5th), 14 Purple Spiash, 20 Old Rouvel (5th), 88 Pearl Venture 11 ran 1%1, 2%1, %1, %4, 31. J Dunlop at Anundal, Tote, 2:380; 2:180, 2:350, 2:340. DF 256.60. Trio 2721 90 CSF: 270.65. Tricast: 2727 24

3.05 (58), 1. ELLENS LAD (Pat Eddery.

Tricast: £727 24
3.05 (5) 1, ELIENS LAD (Pat Eddery, 1.14 bay), 2, Kiloutien Lad (D R McCebe, 6-1); 3, Gaselic Storm (J Weever, 7-2) ALSO RAN: 15-2 Swift (8h), 8 Sous Enez (5h), 10 Gopi (4h), Last Chance, 12 Fine Times, 8 ran, 1-1, 11-1, nk, nk, 2t, R Hamon at East Everleigh Tote: £3.00; £1 30, £1 80, £1 90, DF: £8.80 CSF: £17-74, Tricast: £52.16 217.74. Troast: E52 16
3.40 (1m 4); 1. SILVRETTA (M Roberts, 12-1); 2. Dahehtranie (M Herry, 25-1); 3. Temptress (Pat Eddery, 14-1); 4. Totally Yours (J F Egen, 8-1); ALSO RAN: 5-1 fev Glow Forum (6h); 7. Kristal Breeze, 8. Rosen Clover, 8. Alfayza, 10. Calendula, Pp's Dream, 11. Absolutelystumring, 25. Kathryn's Pet (5th), 33. Dark Truffle, Ember, Your Most Welcome, 50. Betaleena, Needwood Eyekome, 50. CS. 10. E. 10. DF E170.80. Trior E388 40. CSF. 2248.57. Tricast 53.838 49.

\$248.57. Tricest \$3,836.89.

4.15 (1m 1/1 I. WHISPERING DAWN (P.P. Murphy, 14-11; 2. Peppers (R. Paurter, 25-1); 3. Allsters Flocket (P. Fessey, 12-1); 4. Desphin flore Wands, 10-1). ALSO RAN-7-1 tex Loch Sylve, 9 Screnter, 10 Daniore, Shouldbegrey (5th), 11 Funley, 12 Commin Up, 14 Night Ol Glass, Sister Act. Voodoo Rocket, 15 Brother Roy, Chabrol, One to The Eye, 20 Hadadebble, 25 Air Wing, Perpetual Light, 33 Burning Flame (8th), Jean Pierre 21 ran, Nik, Vil, Kil, Jil, Lill, Mr. Charnon at Upper Lambourn Tote: £11.80, £2.80, £7.90, £2.80, £4.00, DF: £156.60 Tin, £1,273.60, CSF £311.94 Tricast; £3,948.09

Incast: £3,948.09 Jackpot not won (pool of £10,650.09 carried forward to Newmarket today). Placepot 2227.00. Quadpot \$28.90. Quadpot \$1,008.10.

Bangor Going: good to soft Sung, good to soll 1.10 (2m 11 hole) 1, Indrapura (A P McCoy, 1-2 (an); 2, Night Boot (11-1); 3, Milling Brook (50-1) 12 ran. NR: Bargash, Cal-bury, 1 kl, 211, M Pipe, Tote: £1 40; £1 10, £2.00, £4.50. DF: £5 50. Trio: £51 30 CSF, £7 16.

27 18. 140 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Major Bell (8 Harding, 9-2); 2, Flepjack Lad (7-1); 3, Rustic Av (12-1), Garrytough 2-1 fav. 8 res. 294, 194. A Whitlans Toter 55.20, £1 40, £1.40, £2.80, DF. £22.40. CSF. £22.66. Tricast £321 43

E.10 (2m il 110yd ch) 1, Around The Gele (Fl Durwoody, 4-5 lay); 2, Rafters (26-1); 3, Monymoss (33-1); 11 ran: 12, 1141 D Gandolfo Tote £190; £1.10, £1 90, £3 90. DF: £18 20, Trip: £33.40, CSF, £20.43 2.45 (2m 4f hole) 1; Caasio's Boy (D J Kavanagh, 10-1); 2, Zingbar (6-1); 3, Satiy's Island (26-1); Hensidens 9-4 iau, 10 ran Hd. 18 R Eckley, Tote £14-20; 53.90, £2 10, £4.70, DF: £44.80 Tito: £85.50, CSF: £63.88, Tricast £1,337.82

San 110yd ch) 1, Basilicus (R Wildinson, 20-1), 2, Batly Clover (11-2); 3, Leinfriall Princess (25-1) by House 6-4 Cul-14 ran. 13, 34 Mrs 5 Smith. Tote £29,80, £3 00, £2,30, £3 90 DF: £112,80, Trio-£450 70 (part worr, pool of £457.13 carilled toward to 4.15 at Newmarket today) CSF-£123 00 Tincast £2,568,84.

1835: 293.07 4.30 (2m 11 flat) 1, Johnmy-K (R Massey, 13-8 fay), 2, Weish SR, (12-1); 3, Zander (6-1) 18 ran. 9, 4 D Nicholson, Toler 22.70; E2.20, E3.30; E2.20 DF, E24.50, Inc. \$42.40 CSF: E22.15 Placepot: E324.80. Quadpot: \$201.10.

Wetherby Geing: good

1.30 (2m hote) 1. El Don (K Gaute, 11-4); 2. Hightiank (9-1); 3, Elpicios (4-1). Mim-Lou-And 5-2 law 7 ran -141, 341 M Ryan, Totar 60, £1.10, £3.90. DF: £19.90. CSF-£23.10. 2.00 (2m ch) 1, Golden Hello (I. Wyer, 8-13 lav); 2, Chorus Line (4-1); 3, Kiltufa (7-1); 4 ran. 161, 211, T Easterby Tote: £1.50 DF: £2.80, CSF: £3.19

2.35 (2m 4t 110yd hote) 1, Burnt Imp (J Callaghan, 5-1); 2, Tara Rambler (13-2), 3, Delty Boy (4-1) Admirats Seal 15-8 ke (pu), 5 ran Hd, 2, G Moore, Tote 58:00; 12:60, £1:80, DF, £13:40 CSF, £29,32 3.10 (2m ch) 1, Regal Romper (R Guest, 6-1); 2, Alladeer (3-1), 3, Political Tower (S-4 law), 4 ran, 64, 2th, Mrs S Smith, Tote: \$5.30 DF, \$8.10, CSF; \$20 32 4.20 (3m 11 Indie) 1. Cueen's Award (M Griffiths, 20-1); 2. Milater Blake (9-1); 3. Pebble Beach (2-1 ji-lay), Smart Approach 2-1 ji-lay, 6 san. 15, 21 R Buckler Tote 12-6-80, 18-20, 12-20. DF: 149-40. CSF: 1146-59.

4.	15	BURR	Dugh Green Handicap	C4	
(£4,7			umers)		
1	(24)	066001	CHARLE SILLETT 11 (D.F.S) (2 Sillet's B to 5 4 16 3	. Mai files	9
2	(4)	EUSUAN	SHALTACH 27 ID FIG SI (II Sweeten) Site Section 1 3-3-13	& Decom	9
3	(5)	031401	PERSON FAYRE 21 (D.F.G) (At Gratin : Start 4-3 13	K Darley	6
4	(3)	310025	PERSON FAYRE 21 (D.F.G.) 01 (400) 1 (2007 4-3-7) BROUGHTONS TURNOR, 14 (CD.F.G.) W Marcon 13-71	O R MeCabo	9
5	(13)	220008	TREE 27 (D.F.S.) (Mr. C.Fritzmann L. Libration Co. 1)	T ALESMEN	9
6	(25)	0-00000	NO EXTRAS 49 (F.G.S) (A Higgan) & L. Moore E-9-11	JOENSE (1)	9
7	iZZj	400006	MOURTGATE 25 (CD.F.G) (L. Company 11 Sect.) 4-9-9	O MEKAGWII	9
8	(15)	313003	SUBJES BENE 11 M D. C.S. C. SECT. P. 2001 + 4.4	2 American	3
9	(16)	032561	ALPINE HIDEAWAY 19 (B.D.F) 121 H 305-6 6 TAKKEY 3-3-3	1320	9
10	(27)	102231	AUBER FORT 9 (V.D.G.S) (Calestran Pac.my, C also are a 7-6	D Gride(955 (5)	9
11	(11)	3-24010	RUNY 37 (G) (H Al Mattern), C Sercial (3-3-6).	RH448	9
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#### Orchestra Stall hits high

ORCHESTRA STALL, seventh in the Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket last month, returned to the course yesterday to land the George Stubbs Handicap. The winner was following a successful formula for trainer John Dunlop, whose My Patriarch finished unplaced in the 1993 Cesarewitch before taking this race. Dunlop was not present but his travelling head lad, Robert Hamilton, said: "Orchestra Stall was pulling a bit early in the Cesarewitch but he did it nicely today. He may go for a two-miler at Doncaster a week tomorrow."



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RACING NEXT WEEK MONDAY: Southwell (AW, 1.45). Newcastle (1.25), Plumpton (1.35) TUESDAY: Redcar (1.35), Exeler WEDNESDAY: Haydock Parl. (1 15). Kempton Park (1 35), Newton Abbot

1.55 BAGSHOT HANDICAP CHASE BBC1 BETTING: 9-4 Arthur's Monstrel, 5-2 Stangts Talls, 4-1 Commercial Artist, 5-1 Senor El Betrutti, 6-1 Go Balfisalic. 1995; STRAIGHT TALK 8-10-0 A P McCoy (15-8) P Nicholis 4 rat FORM FOCUS

COMMERCIAL ARTIST 21/s1 3rd of 5 to Strong Medicace in handrage chase at Hambury (2m 44, pool of imm). SHATE BL BETRUTTI best Call in A Day 2/s1 in novice chase here (2m 3f 110/ed, good to said) on penultimate start. STRAIGHT TALK 21 to handle at Worcester (2m 44, good) and 5 to Bay Ben Dam in manifecap chase at Selection: STRAIGHT TALK

2.30 UNITED HOUSE CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP CHASE BBC1

(£16.694: 2m) (4 runners) BETTING: 7-4 Sterm Alert, 2-1 Brg Mart, 11-4 Uncla Emile, 6-1 Thumbs, Up 1996: EGYPT MELL PRINCE 9-11-8 W Marston (3-1) Mrs J Primon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNICLE ERNIE beat Monates River 4461 in 6-numer | STORM ALERT tailed oil 4th of 5 to Coulton in fisted limited bendicap chase at Fatryhouse (2m. good). BIG MATT 33:1 2nd of 15 to Moccel in handicap chase new course and distance (good to fam). HALMES UP 280 ket ol 3 to Callson Bay in handicap chase here (2m 31 110yd, good) to soll) with STORM ALERT (5th better oil) 171 5th Selection: BIG MATT 3.05 VALLEY GARDENS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£3,566: 2m 4f) (6 runners) 321-22 TAP ON TOOTISE 28 (D.G) (R Cowpe) T Wall 4-11-10 . A P McCoy (\$\frac{1}{2}\) 0-04563 POSITIVO 56 (L GBmer) Més C Caroe 5-10-13 . D Lazky 98 223695 . LYPHARD'S FABLE 185 (Mr. 6 Mr. franc) T George 5-10-7 . R. Johnson 91 PFOP-21 EMBLEY BLOY 28 (D.G.S) (Mr. H Barel J Modins 6-10-6 . S Carran 98 270001 ASUAR 10 (P) (Mr. P Residen) J Moore 7-10-2 . . . Mr. Retards 90 (PAPG'22 CLOD HOPPER 336 (I Parnol) W Mau 8-10-0 . W McRatand 90 (PAPG'22 CLOD HOPPER 336 (I Parnol) W Mau 8-10-0 . W McRatand 90

one handicatt Clod House: 9-13 BETTING: 9-4 Tap On Tootsin, 3-1 Entoley Buoy, 7-2 Aslar, 6-1 Lyphand's Fable, 7-1 Positivo, 8-1 Clad Hopper, 1995; DRUMINOND WARRIOR 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerakt (11-2) T Toomson Jones 10 ran

3.40 STANLAKE NOVICES CHASE (£4,986: 2m 3l 110yd) (2 runners) 624-121 STRONG PROMISE 4 (F,C) (G Hubbard G Hubbard 5-11-8 ... K Gaule (3) (B) 0/3F MINOR KEY 14 (BF) (R Elis) J Jenkos 6-11-1 ... ... ... 6 Bradley ~ BETTING, 1-10 Strong Promise, 8-1 Misor Key 1995; JACKSON FLINT 7-11-2 M A Futgerald (100-30) T Thomson Jones 3 rat

PMOUS BARNA BOY 14 (C.S.S) (I. Wissen) N Henderson B-11-10 ... M A Fargeraki SS PMOUSD- SILVER GROOM 295 (D.F.S) (Silver Darlong Plans) R Alectural 5-11-9 ... S Ryan (S) 98 4(01120 - CHARRAMING SIRL 182 (D.B.S) (C Casen) G Sterwood 5-11-4 ... J Distorms 97 0780-84 SHOOK 22 (S) (S Derings 5 Dom 5-10-6 ... ... A P McCory 94 1/2)151-5 STOREY VALLEY 14 (D.F.G.S) (EBs. & Patriers Ltd) J Johkins 6-10-1 N T Egan (7) 88 BETTING: 6-4 Silver Groom, 2-1 Chamming Girl, 6-1 Shoolit, 7-1 Stanley Valley, 8-1 Berns Bey 1995; ADMIRAL'S WELL 5-10-12 S Ayan (6-4 lax) R Aliahur; 1 6 can

4.10 COPPER HORSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,993 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

Mr Mulligan, runner-up to Nahthen Lad in the Sun Aliance Chase at the Cheltenham Festival in March, may not make his seasonal debut until the King George VI Chase at Kempton on December 26. Noel Chance, who trains the eight-year-old, has been unable to work Mr Mulligan because of firm ground.

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#### SPORT 49

## Cup pressure catching up with Lehane

RACING

FROM RICHARD EVANS IN MELBOURNE

OLIVER LEHANE, the owner travelled across three contiof the Melbourne Cup favournents and is an entire while ite, Oscar Schindler, knows a thing or two about having a flutter. After all, he made enough out of slot machines and amusement arcades in Dublin to retire 15 years ago at the age of 38.

But as Australia's most famous race edges closer, "the gamble of my life" is taking its toll. Lehane has invested £70,000 in getting the Irish St Leger winner and his entourage to Australia in the hope of scooping around £700,000 in prize-money. And the strain is reginning to tell.

By his own admission, he is feeling "edgy" and looks it The strict laws governing smoking in public places are making matters worse and the race on Tuesday can hardly come soon enough. Fortunately, the pressure cooker atmosphere affecting Lehane appears not to have affected

"He's so good, it is frightening. There has been absolutely no hiccup. He travelled well, he's eaten up, drunk plenty and looks magnificent. He's awfully fresh. The only downside is that we were told there would be a swimming facility for the horse and there

isn t," he said yesterday. Nevertheless, he hopes the absence of a few lengths in the pool will not be reflected in lengths between horses at Flemington racecourse.

Optimistic talk, but we've heard it before. Quick Ransom and Double Trigger were reportedly "spot on" for the Cup before flopping disastrously. "Horses down here are only starting to get their summer coats. Horses in Ireland and England are getting their winter coats. It must be a severe test of their metabolism. It is going against nature," Lehane admitted.

Mark Read, the largest independent bookmaker in Australia, clearly agrees. Despite laying some chunky six-figure bets recently, he has knocked the Irish raider out to 7-2 and Lehane is gasping for a cigar-believes he will go off at 5-1 or ette. Who said owning a horse even 8-1 on the Tote. "He has is meant to be fun?

Vintage Crop was a very laid back gelding. There is a severe doubt about him getting two

miles and I want to lay him."

More pressure for Lehane. "I asked that question to Kevin Prendergast umpteen times and there is no doubt about the horse staying. He won over 14 furlongs in the Irish St Leger at the Curragh, which is a tough track. The ground will make no difference to him. It was rock hard in the King George and very fast in the Hardwicke Stakes."

He believes Oscar Schindler faces three main rivals -Saintly, trained by the legendary Bart Cummings, Senator, a New Zealand import, and



Lehane: gamble

Doriemus, last year's winner. "If the race is uneventful mine should win. I will cry all the way home if he doesn't, but if he is successful and has a reasonably easy race, he will

go for the Japan Cup."

For a moment, the doubts have gone as he dreams of what may be possible next year. A prep race before the Coronation Cup, the Ascot Gold Cup, the King George, the Irish St Leger and the Breeders' Cup. "It is conceivable he might be the best horse in the world next year. He's only two or three spots behind it this year."

Enough of such optimism. Reality has returned and Lehane is gasping for a cigar-

THUNDERER 12.40 Pagasus Bay. 1.10 Zeradar. 1.40 Time Enough 2.15 Runaway Pete, 2.45 Lebedinski. 3.20 Mr Conductor, 3.55 Ditopero.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

12.40 James Heggris Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle (22,175; 2m) (13 numers)

1 S15.1 PEGASUS BAY 9 (D.F.) D Caratter 5-12-0 ... G Hogan
2 PRIS STAY WITH WE 9 (D.F.) C Egetter 5-12-0 ... Michael Brennan
3 2221 PARK (G F. MCKS B (D.F.6) G L Moore 6-15-12 M Armonar (8)
4 29-3 "HAMBOOM 10 (S.) 6 Maintan-4-11-8 ... D Saber (3)
5 P.-3P MEMPHAL PRINCE 14 (B.D.F.G) A Streets 8-11-7 ... L Aspel
6 15-8 SALSONG B (C.D.6.5). John Wingle 7-11-5 ... C Reg (3)
7 13-6 SAN DEED CHARGER 14 (D.F.) A Barmes-3-11-4 Sophie Michael
8 635- SUPERMOCK 28: (S.) W Mark 5-11-0 ... A Bates
9 322 GAME DIL BANK & (R.) A Mainter 5-11-0 ... B Bitter; 10)
11 4-42 CELOMME PATH 10 (D.F.G) R Mayer 6-10-10 ... J Hons (8)
12 6434 DAY RIVER 49 (B.D.F.G) R Winglow 4-10-10 ... R Massey
13 005-00T O'THE BLUE 200 R EDING 4-10-10 ... J Morgand (3)
13 Peri O'Leich & 11 Honder 5-11 Sun With 16-7-11 Sune 3-1 Pair Of Jacks, 4-1 Handson, 5-1 Papasor Bon, 5-1 Stay With Life, 7-1 Earne Remarca, 8-1 Sapanoick, 10-1 Novinal Panese, 12-1 odess.

1.10 ARMOLD LODGE SCHOOL HANDICAP CHASE

(£3,049; 2m) (4) 1 04-1 ZEREINR 7 (D.E) K Bailey 6-12-0 J Osbarne
2 -313 NORTHERN OPTIMEST 14 (D.F.G.) B Literatiya 8-11-1
B JL Literatiya
3 1122 SUPER SHAPP 21 (D.F.G.) N Ower 8-11-0 Jacqui Oliver
4 4231 GEGULATION 18 (V.D.F.G.S.) O McCain 10-10-0 D Watch (3) Evens Zesedur, 3-1 Northern Optimist, 7-2 Super Sharp. 8-1 Circulat

1.40 BSPH HANDICAP CHASE (£4,692; 3m 2f) (4) 1 Sr.- COPPER MRG 964 (CD.F.E.S) 0 Sterwood 10-12-0 J Osborne 2 3-22 Take EMOGRA 11 (St C Brooks 7-10-3 J F Takey 3 SFP- CROPREDIY Lot 100 (F) P Waters 9-10-1 A Thomason (7) 4 S-SP ELLTER-ESS 6 (V.F.G) R Wester 11-10-0 C R Wester (7) Evens Tiene Enough, 7-4 Cooper Mine, 8-1 Cropredy Lad. 12-1 Elize-Ess.

2.15 TENSATOR HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,600: 2m 3l) (5)

5-4 Remanus Pala, 5-7 Dias, 4-7 Marsleck, 6-1 Genet Anatonics, 10-1 Streetile

2.45 ST MARY'S JUVENILE HOVICES SELLING **HURDLE (£1**,691: 2m) (16)

3-1 (abedinsti, 7-2 How Could-I, 6-1 Indira, 7-1 Fijon, 8-1 in Cahoos, 16-1 Storm Wind, 12-1 Colour Coussellor, 14-1 others

3.20 offichurch novices chase (£3,795; 2m 4l 110yd) (5)

(25, (35, 21) 4f 11UyO) (3)

1 (5-2 Extre SOVERNOR 11 (F.S) N Lampard 7-11-0 Chris Webb (5)

2 342- HANIARAN SAM 208 (5) A Turnell 6-11-0 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6 Crone

3 OV LUCIANAN DEPARTS SAG Mrs B Vitaing 8-11-0 \_\_\_\_\_ E Symm

4 6-52 Mrs CONCULTOR 27 (6) R Ahres 5-10-13 \_\_\_\_\_\_ A Thorriton

5 P-5 SPORTING FROURE 22 P Ecoles 5-10-13 \_\_\_\_\_\_ A MicCardly

5-4 Hausfan Sen, 6-4 Mr Conductor, 6-1 Elve Bovernor, 12-1 Lucinam Disarrer,

Sporting Finters.

3.55 WEATHERBYS STARS OF TOMORROW NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1.364: 2m) (7)

ASYSS N Liternoden 4-11-4 hr D Verco

6- BECKY'S LAD SED Mrs D Thomas 6-11-4 50-7 Luvits (3)

CAMEZANTE R Stronge 4-11-4 (1) Walsh (2)

DITOPERO W 6 M Terror 4-11-4 N Willerington (7)

HONEST GENEROLE R Stringens 5-11-4 R Messery (3)

LARD O'RHYNEK Myrgove 4-11-4 hr A Weste (7)

OD MANAZAL 16 K Bridgenste 4-11-4 Michael Strennen (5) 2-1 Figurest George, 3-1 Disopero, 4-1 Hangizal, 6-1 Abyso, 8-1 Danzania, 10-1 Laind O'Rhynde, 12-1 Beckly's Lad

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Kelso: 2.30 Kashana. Nevembriket 1.30 lika's Pet. 3.45 Welton Arsenal 4.15 Alpine Hidesway. Warwick; 2.45 Chillington. Wolverhampton: 7.00 Janie's Boy 9.00 Neon Delon, Spondulicks.

#### WOLVERHAMPTON

THIUNDERER

7.00 Henley, 7.30 Mad Mälitant, 8.00 Two To Tango. 8.30 Jimmy The Skunk, 9.00 Jingoist, 9.30 Disco

GOING: STANDARD DRAW, NO ADVANATGE 7.00 PENDEFORD MAIDEN (£3,184: 6f) (13 runners) OV PENDIFFUND MARIEM (£3,184: 61) (13 TURNERS)

O AGENT MILDER 31 F Cases 2-9-0. A MeGiore 1

O AGENT MILDER 31 F Cases 2-9-0. I Ferning 4

O FLY ME HOME 62 8 McMarco 2-9-0. I Newton (5) 10

4 65 HARRICHY IN ROD 100 J Berry 2-9-0. G Center 12

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5 5030 JAME'S BOY 4 (8) R Goest 2-9-0. J Pegon 5

O COLORNAR 12 J Moore 2-9-0. J Pegon 5

O COLORNAR 12 J Moore 2-9-0. J Pegon 6

O SAYNAROD CHARRICH 15 J Stromby 2-9-0. L Charmack 7

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O SAYNAROD CHARRICH 15 J Stromby 2-9-0. D McKenner 1

O SOOD CHILDRG 81 P Morphy 2-9-9. S Drowne 8

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O MYTHICAL SS M Prescrit 2-8-9. S Sanders 3

FENEW 9-2 Zone's Sur 5-1 Dec-M-4. Tools Loter 4-Mercel 10-1 after 3

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**7.30 SHIFNAL CLAIMER** (£2,243: 1m 4l) (12)

2 3056 PHARLY DANCER 14 (D.C.S.) N tough 7-85 I Newton (5) 6
3 4-20 PROCED V GAT 115 (D.C.) N Pockace 5-9-6
4 3000 SMYNFORD SIPREME 36) 1-0 Montrolle 39-4
5 0500 HAND OF STRAW 18 (N.C.S.) P Montrolle 39-4
5 0500 HAND OF STRAW 18 (N.C.S.) P Montrolle 39-4
7 5 0500 HLL FARM DANCER 25 (D.D.F. W Brekourse 5-3-1 M Dover (5) 8
4 4500 HAND OF STRAW 18 (N.C.S.) P Montrolle 3-3-1 M Technit 3
9 0025 ROSE OF SIEM 18 (D.F.S.) 8 Pales 5-9-13. M Technit 3
9 0025 ROSE OF SIEM 18 (D.F.S.) 8 Pales 5-9-13. T Speake 11
10 0000 JON'S CHOICE 23 (C.S.) 8 Proces 5-8-10 V Samery 12
10 DOWNOOD A Bairy 3-8-7
30 Mat Makes 5-1 Processor (Gat 6-1 processor 7-1 Mr Scon 15-7 processor 15-7 1 18-30 Mar Millard, 5-1 Printely Gat. 6-1 Honestly, 7-1 Mr Bear, 10-1 streets

8.00 CHARLECOTE MAIDEN (£2,950: 1m ½1) (13) W Hollick 4
P Roberts (5) 7
R Lappin 2
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T Witness 5
F Lynch (3) 1
M Fenton 11
J F Egas 13
G Hond 9 7-4 Two To Tango 5-1 Campania, 6-1 Name Of Our Faffer, 8-1 Balinsky (2-1 toansies, Smiling Sess 14-1 others

8.30 CASTLECROFT HANDICAP (£3,210 7f) (12)

9.00 GASTILECRUP I HANDIRAP (2.3,210 f) (12)
1 0602 SHARP IN SMART 12 (D.F.G.) E.Smart 4-16-2 M Textouri 8
2 0000 ENCORE MILADY 14 (C.D.F.G.S) F Lee 5-9-10 A Coltinne 1
3 4200 FOUR OF SPADES 45 (V.CD.) F Notice 5-9-3 Amonto Sanders (5) 7
4 6355 AMONYMA 14 (B.D.F.G.) D Nicholta 4-9-8 Airs Grazues 6
5 3331 JAMAY THE SKURK 11 (F.D.F.G.S) P Exams 5-9-5 J F Expan 12
8 6020 BOLD STREET 11 (B.C.D.G.S) A Bairty 6-9-6 O Wingle (3) 10
7 3100 SEA SPUDISE 28 (D.G.S) M Bilansture 5-9-6 M Kerry Bairty (7) 6
8 1500 JISSAW BOY 55 (CD.BF.F.G.S) P Humphy 7-9-6 S Domine 4
9 1004 NO MONICEY MITS 5 (F.S.) J Benty 3-9-1 G Carrier 11
10 1202 PRONCESS ESTSO 28 (C.D. B Michaelon 3-9-2 S Sanders 3
11 0006 RESPECTABLE JONES 105 R Hollandscal 10-5-70 List Walson (7) 9

Less Watson (7) 9 12 5415 SILVER HARROW & (D.F) A Navicourbe 3-8-10 D Graffiths (5) 2 3-1 Anomym, 7-2 Princess Elisio, Sharp in Smert, 6-1 Silver Harrow 9-1 effects.

9.00 midland bar selling nursery

9-2 Vermder's Gilt, 5-1 Spondulicks, 6-1 Jagoist, 8-1 Near Delan, 9-1 others.

9.30 w midlands handicap (£2,208: 61) (13) 1 4-06 INCATRIKA 150 J Spezing 3-9-12 .... 5 Drowne 8 2 0100 HOW'S YER FATHER 11 (0) R Hodges 10-9-18

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3 0300 CHERY CHAPPY 5 (B.C.D.) D Chapman 5-9-10 A Cythana 13
4 3006 ANTA'S COMTESSA 42 (6) B Palling 4-9-9 T Sprake 3
5 010 DELROB 28 (B.C.D.) E. B Palling 4-9-9 T Sprake 3
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9 3304 POLAR REFRAM 8 C Dever 3-9-7 S D Williams 2
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12 /3-0 GALACIA 47 W G M Tomer 4-9-6 D Sweeney (7)
3 4000 MARRIN STRETE 8 (V.B.) P Sears 3-9-6 J Fortune 12 

## Danoli makes safe landing

PHILIP FENTON, the former British amateur champion. substituted successfully for Tom Treacy as Danoli thrilled a large crowd at Clonmel with a winning first appearance

over fences vesterday. Tom Foley, Danoli's trainer, was on the point of withdrawing his charge after Treacy had broken a collar-bone in the opening maiden hurdle. However. Foley turned to Fenton after Charlie Swan, the Irish champion jockey, had refused to desert the eventual runner-up, Consharon.

Fenton, who has schooled most of Edward O'Grady's good horses in recent years, got on well with the headstrong Danoli, whom he man-

aged to hold up in mid-division until the final mile of the London Heathrow Captain Christy Beginners' Chase. Joining Consharon in the

lead after four out, Danoli, a 5-4 on chance, was sent clear going to the second last and safely cleared the remaining two downhill fences to come home a six-length winner. Next stop for Danoli could be Naas before his first serious

test over fences in the Chiquita Drinmore Chase at Fairvhouse in a month's time.
Danoli took to the fences as well as I had expected and I am happy that we have this first one out of the way without any real problems. Foley

time. Although he is entered in the Hattons Grace Hurdle, now that he has shown he is a chaser we will probably stick at that," the trainer added.

"It was a tough task for Philip, who had never sat on the horse before, but I couldn't be happier with the way the man went about the job. giving Danoli plenty of light at the fences," Foley said.

Coral reacted to Danoli's successful steeplechasing debut by cutting his odds for next year's Cheltenham Gold Cup to 20-1 from 33-1. Coral's Gold Cup betting reads: 7-2 Imperial Call, 10-1 Rough Quest, 1+1 Nahthen Lad, 141 One Man. lo-l others.

#### **KELSO**

THUNDERER 1.00 Scrabo View. 1.30 Antarctic Wind. 2.00 Prince Skyburd. 2.30 Astral Weeks, 3.00 Celtic Silver, 3.30 Nicholas Plant. 4.00 Eden Dancer.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

1.00 ISLE OF SKYE BLENDED SCOTCH WHISKY **NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE** 

(£2 944, 3m 11) (10 runners) 

1.30 ROSALIND BIRTHDAY NATIONAL HUNT

NOVICES HURDLE (£2,762: 2m 6l 110yd) (10) : 0-22 ANTARCTIC WIND 17 (F) U harmond 6-10-12 2 00-0 BARISTORIUS PRO 7 (F) U HARMOND (-10-12 2 00-0 BARISTORIUS PR 6 (6) E HOND TA-0-12 2 00- E-HACAL MOTE 207 Mar 5 SAND 5-10-12 0-6 FASTER ROW 7 A ALON 5-10-12 5-50 THE THE MAN 14 U.S. SLOD 5-10-12 4 O BRILLEHMAN MARL 17 E Neymes 5-10-12 9 SELDOM BUT SEVERE 337 E Blood 6-10-12 5 6.16 TRAP DAMAGER 7 (G) P Moment 5-10-12 5 6-16 TRAP DAMAGER 7 (G) P Moment 5-10-12 10 -PPO VERRILYMID ROMANCE 5 W 1570 5-16-7 5-4 Arcardet Wind 7-2 Proof And Loss 6-1 Trap Dancer, 10-1 Millemann Man, 12-1 Fester Ren. Millefrand Romance. 16-1 Offices

2.00 NEWTON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,007: 2m 1f) (5)

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2 515- WEAVER GEORGE 157 (D.F.G) W Surey 6-11-6
M Moloney
3 35-4 FLASN OF REALM 22 (V.F.G.S) B Macrogram (0-11-3 B Storey
4 -111 PRINCE SKYBURD 21 (D.F) Mrs P Anson 5-10-13
E Callaghtan (5)
5 31U- BRIAR'S DELIGHT 171 (V.CD.F.G.S) R Allan B-10-10 B Harding
7-4 Prince Skyburd 7-2 Bear's Delight, 4-1 Regal Rompes, 9-2 Flash OI Realm
6-1 Weaver George

2.30 HARROW HOTEL (DALKETH) NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (\$2,316; 2m 110/d) (12) SELLING HURBLE (\$2,310; 27T 110)(12)

1 004 ASTRAL WEEKS SUF Lunco 5-10-1;

2 P. BARRI 10F 8 Sucharport 6-10-1;

3 00 BATTERY SUY 122F 8 Such 2-10-1;

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7 PQ PURBLE WAY 67F 11 Thank 6-10-1; Mars 1

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3.00 SALVESEN FOOD SERVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£5,183: 2m 6f 110yd) (9)

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1 3-41 BAS DE LANE 14 (B.C.F.G. M. Extracted 10-11-12
2 2P. STOP THE WALLER 196 (£5) F Clarch, 7-11-11 Mr. K. Whelan
3 RO34 CROSS CAMBON 17 (F G.) 3 Made 10-11-15
3 RO34 ROVEL WALLER 196 (£5) G. Made 10-11-17
5 0-44 BALYARA 91 (D.F.G. Made 10-11-17
6 -111 TISHTER BIDGET 14 (C.F.G.) Made 10-11-17
7 22-2 COLDER ROBLE 187 (S.) Char 6-10-17
9 515 CALL WALLER 208 (F.S.) Char 6-10-17
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3.30 OOH AAH DAILY STAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£3.388: 2m 6l 110yd) (8)

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4.00 LEVY BOARD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS

HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,220: 2m 110yd) (9) 1 55-P URBAN DANGER 18 (0.6.5) 8 Flusor 7-12-0 D J Kacarson
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4 4415 WELL APPOWIND 7 (8) 8 McCorpan 7-11-1 S Mexica (5)
5 6-24 FEN TERRER 7 (0.6) 4 Mustage 4-10-10 E Calleghard
6 DeP: NORDAN 658 4 Mustage 4-10-10 S North 64-10-0 D Shares
9 3-23 TEEJAYNATICH 6 J Soute 4-70-0 G Lee

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

Kelso

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 32 winners from 108 runners, 29 6%; Mrs J Good-lellow, 13 from 45, 28,9%, M Harmscrid, 18 from 83, 21,7% G Moore, 11 from 52, 21,2%, A Whillians, 5 from 26, 19,2% JOCKEYS: P Niven, 44 winners from 115

Warwick

TRAINERS: W G M Turner, 3 winners from 7 numers, 42,9%, M Pipe, 27 from 109, 24,8%; O Sherwood, 8 from 36, 22,2%, k Balley, 5 from 30, 16 7%; C Brooks, 3 from 21, 14,3%; R Hodges, 3 from 27, 11 1% JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 13 winners from 66

Wolverhampton

TRAINERS: D Loder 6 winners from 16 numers, 37.5%, R Guest 6 from 30, 26.7%, J Gosden, 4 from 15, 25.7%; M Johnston 40 from 161, 24.8%, J Bottomiey, 4 from 17, 23.5%, M Prescott 18 from 77, 23.4%, JOCKEYS: M.J. Dwyer, 3 winners from 12

#### THUNDERER

12.50 Queen Of Spades

2.20 Hill Of Tullow 2.50 What A Question 1.20 Potter's Bay 3.25 One Man 4.00 Kerawi 1.50 Birect Route

GOING: GOOD

12.50 BOLTON PERCY NOVICES HURDLE

59: 2m) (15 rumers)

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Long handicap: Tico Gold 9-10, Theydon Pride B-10. BETTINGS: 5-4 Poster's Bay, 3-1 Rye Crossing, 5-1 Rendom Harvest, 5-1 Caregi Basis, 8-1 Final Basis, 10-1 Tico Gold, 14-1 Bestation, 20-1 others. 1995: GNDNE'S TYCOON 9-11-4 A Maguite (11-2) H Johnson 5 ran

1.50 STANLEY RACING HANDICAP HURDLE

(1.3/11: 2m) (5 rumers) SETTING: 2-1 Daniel Rouse, 9-4 Cambrian Challengs, 7-2 Desert Fighter, 5-1 Footh In Line, 6-1 Kallak.

1995: DOMAN THE FELL 6-18-5 A Magaine (11-2) H Johnson 5 pm 2.20 PETERHOUSE GROUP HANDICAP CHASE

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(£6,710: 2m 4i 110yd) (4) BETTING: 4-5 Hell Cr Tollow. 3-1 Sections, 7-2 Jon White, 7-1 Stately Home. 1995. SEA BREAKER 7-10-0 L Wyer (4-1) D Cornelion & can

2.50 TOTE WEST YORKSHIRE HURDLE (Grade II: £12,500: 3m 11) (7 runners)

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1995; CAB ON TARGET 9-11-7 P Niven (8-11 Niv) Mrs M Revoley 4 Res FORM FOCUS

TREASURE: AGAIN best Jahrib 1%1 in 6-namer Hydrock hurdle (2m 71 110yd, good) NDN VM-TAXE best Field Of Vision 3: in 5-namer Market Rases handcap hardle (2m 11 110yd, good). TRANSED best TREASURE AGAIN (70 borse off) basis in 20-soner Chatterham bandcap hardle (2m 54, good to solt). DEFECLET TRAES 2561 2nd

3.25 CHARLIE HALL CHASE (Grade II: £18,300: 3m 1l) (4 runners)

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1F71718- ONE MAN 253 (C.D.F.S.S.) (J. Holes) G Richards 8-11-10.
111PTP- SCOTTON BANKS 188 (C.D.G.S.) (Boy) T Eachby 7-11-10.
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4.00 WENSLEYDALE JUVENULE NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: 3-Y-O: £9,690: 2m) (12 runners)

RETTRICE 6-4 Kesmi, 9-2 Lagan, 6-1 Hobbs Choice, 7-1 Belleton, 8-1 Jackson Park, 18-1 others. 1995; SHRANG EDGE 10-12 R Garniny (11-2) M H Easterby 6 ran FORM FOCUS

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COURSE SPECIALISTS 33.3 29.1 26.3 25.0 23.6 G Lievellya A Maquire L Wyer A Durmoody 154 77 154 21 38

## Voyagers Quest tackles Saint-Cloud test

VOYAGERS QUEST, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and ridden by John Reid, and Paul Kelleway's unraced Alcalali, the mount of Olivier Doleuze, are the two British runners in the £52,701 group one Criterium de Saint-Cloud over

ten furlongs today. Chapple-Hyam won the race last year with Polaris Flight but the Aga Khanowned pair. Daylami and Sendoro, in ddition to Fine Fellow and New Frontier promise to be tough opponents.

The John Gosden-trained Altamura, also to be ridden by Reid, is one of 14 declared for the group three Prix de Flore

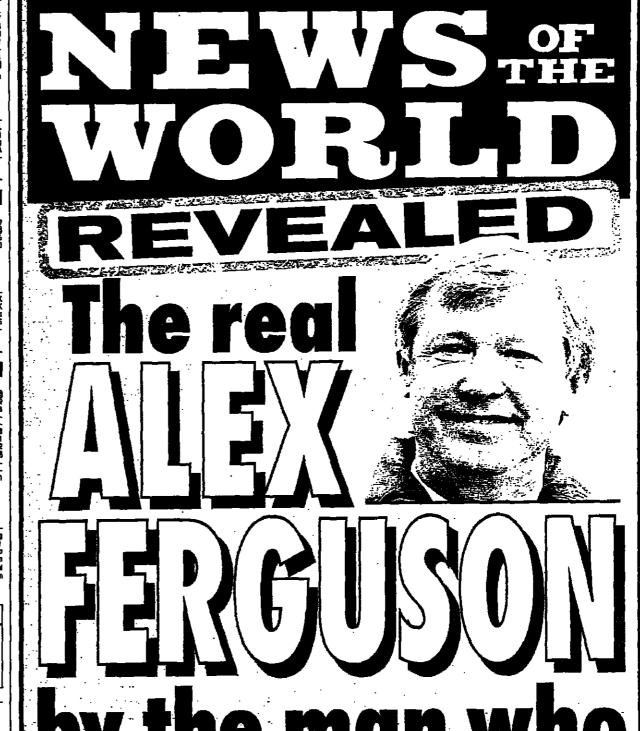
(10½ furlongs) on the same card.

Branston Abby and Lucky Lionel are
the two British challengers for the group three Premio Chiusura over seven furlongs at San Siro, Milan, today. Branston Abby, fresh from her listed race success in Germany last weekend, makes a quick reappearance in an attempt to wip her first group race.

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Lord Jim, trained by Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley, will be the only English runner in Germany this weekend. He faces four rivals in the listed Buchmacher Kottkamp Silbernes Band der Ruhr at Mulheim tomorrow.

Cigar has run his last race and will make a farewell appearance today at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden, New York, Owners Allen Paulson and his wife, Madeleine, retired the six-year-old on Thursday.



TOMORROW'S WWW.

#### THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

ARSENAL

Can Arsenal's ageing defence withstand the Wimbledon bombardment, the muscular threat of Ekoku and Gayle, the wiles of Leonhardsen, the booming throws of Vinnie Jones? Can Dennis Bergkamp. and the improving Patrick Vieira, open up a Wimbledon defence in which young Perry is getting better game by game? This certainly will be a test of how far Arsenal have really come on. After all, everyone beats Leeds United. No one has an easy time against Wimbledon.



quicker in England." Dailly said.

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ish record for under-21 international appearances, having played for Scotland 34 times at that level. He won his first cap aged 16 but, seven years later, he is still to break into the senior squad. The midfield player joined Derby from Dundee United for El million in the summer and believes that Premiership exposure could help him make that leap - a view shared by his manager. Jim Smith. Players are bigger, stronger and

**ASTON VILLA** 

Players have long earned big money by lending their names to non-loothall-related products, hence Gareth Southgate capitalising on his penalty miss against Germany in Euro 96. The Villa defender has teamed up with Stuart Pearce and Chris Waddle, England's spot-kick villains from Italia 90, to feature in a commercial for Pizza Hut. "It was good fun, even though I've taken a bit of stick," Southgate said. Perhaps the reputed five-figure remunera-

#### **EVERTON**

When Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said after his team's win at Nottingham Forest that he expected his side to start challenging at the top, it seemed an exaggeration. He knew, though, that Nick Barmby was on his way, and Duncan Ferguson on his way back. Ferguson did not train yesterday but is expected to return against Coventry on Monday. That game should reveal the role Royle has in mind for Barmby — "You don't pay £5.75 million to sit someone on the bench," he said.

**BLACKBURN ROVERS** Blackburn, without a manager,

now have a mini rebellion on their hands. Colin Hendry has been pencilled in to meet Liverpool tomorrow, the only snag being that he does not want to play. Hendry is still recovering from a groin operation, but Tony Parkes, the caretaker manager, has asked him to start. "In a way I want to play, especially because it will mean I can play for Scotland next week, but I have to do the best for myself and the team in the long-term," Hendry said.

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#### LEEDS UNITED

There was a glimmer of good news for George Graham, the Leeds manager, this week, with Lee Bowyer, Brian Deane, and Rod Wallace back in the squad, and Tony Yeboah resuming training. An absent star continues to exercise minds at Elland Road, however. After the telephone call last week suggesting he wanted to talk, nothing further has been heard from Tomas Brolin. Now Leeds are contemplating sucing Brolin, with a decision expected next week.

CHELSEA

Zdenek Zeman, the Lazio manager, in peril of losing his job should his team lose to Vicenza tomorrow, is still under fire for letting Roberto Di Matteo leave for Chelsea last summer. A traumatised Manchester United could well be turned and twisted by Di Matteo's passing, not to mention threatened by Vialli's finishing. While Ruud Gullit is clearly getting back into his stride, there could hardly be a better time to play at Old Trafford, where United's unbeaten European record lies in ruins. BG

#### LEICESTER CITY

Leicester were prepared to fly Kasey Keller, their goalkeeper, both ways across the Atlantic on Concorde to play against
Derby County this afternoon. He has been
at a United States training camp in Virginia
to prepare for the World Cup qualifier against Guatemala tomorrow and was given permission to rejoin Leicester if he was not picked in the starting line-up, provided he flew back immediately after the Derby game. Eventually, he was selected. so Kevin Poole deputises.

#### COVENTRY CITY

When the red mist descends, rational conduct usually disappears. Gordon Strachan, the Coventry assistant manager, is still at a loss to explain adequately why. having been dismissed in a reserves game, he refused to walk. The FA subsequently fined him £2,000, "I have been sent off only once in more than \$50 games," he said. To be sent off in front of 200 people, for no apparent reason, left me in a state of shock when I made my bizarre decision not to leave the field.

#### LIVERPOOL

Stan Collymore must be wondering if he has run over a black cat. Out of the Liverpool team, now he is struggling with an injury — picked up during the warm-up against Sion on Thursday. "I had already put his name on the team-sheet so he was on the bench, but he could not have played."

Roy Evans, the manager, said. Evans must choose tomorrow between Mark Wright and Michael Thomas for the defensive position vacated by another injury victim.

#### MANCHESTER UNITED

Chelsea have a better record at Old Trafford than most Premiership teams, but after recent traumas. United need a win today more desperately than usual. "It's a case of steadying the ship." Alex Ferguson, the manager, said yesterday. With Cole and Giggs injured and Poborsky and Cruyff adapting to the English game slowly, the forwards are causing worries. Solskjaer is expected to return, but a hamstring injury means Thornley will not get his chance.

#### MIDDLESBROUGH

Part of the reason Middlesbrough sold Nick Barmby to Everton was that the club had gone over budget. Their forecasts were geared to Middlesbrough receiving at least £2 million for Jamie Pollock last summer. But, post-Bosman, he moved to Spain on a free transfer. Even so. Bryan Robson, the manager, now has about £3 million to re-invest. He has made several trips to Italy, with Apolloni and Menotti, the Parma defenders, the reputed

#### **NEWCASTLE UNITED**

Faustino Asprilla has presented Kevin Keegan with a dilemma. His performance in midweek proved beyond doubt that his best position is in a central role. behind a main striker. That is fine, until Alan Shearer returns, and that could be sooner than expected. The England captain has already resumed light training, such are his powers of recovery. Good news for Newcastle, bad news for Keegan. He will have to accommodate his £7.5 million DM Colombian soon, or release him.

#### NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Brian Clough has always been a Frank Clark fan. He signed him as a player, recommended him as his sucessor as manager at the City Ground, and this week offered some timely words of encouragement. "Forest will recover." Clough said in that characteristic, all-knowing way, because above all else they have good management." Clark, not always as dour as his image, is trying to smile through what he admits is a crisis. "I cannot afford to walk around with a long face," he said.

#### SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY It is a question of what might

have been for Sheffield Wednesday. Berkovic, the Israel international, lines up for Southampton today, when he could easily have been on the other side. David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, monitored his progress during the summer, but was beaten by Graeme Souness. Chris Woods has also departed to the South Coast, and could play against his old club. David Hirst is a doubt and could be replaced by Humphreys. DM

#### SUNDERLAND

Meetings with Leeds always prompt recollections of the 1973 FA Cup Final. With Leeds stuttering. Sunderland will not be perceived as underdogs today. Lionel Perez continues in the Sunderland goal but Peter Reid, the manager, still hopes to secure Shay Given, Blackburn's young reserve goalkeeper, on loan, Further for ward, Michael Bridges, the 18-year-old striker, is expected to build on an immensely promising performance in the home win

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4 Wimbledon 11	22	+9	WWWD
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9 Sheffield Wed 11	15	-4	DLLDD
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2 Leicester 11	14	-4	WWT.W
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#### SOUTHAMPTON

Eyal Berkovic, the brilliant Israel forward, has learnt fast about the perils of the press conference. After his two goals against Manchester United, Berkovic in-sisted on speaking through an interpreter and then charmed Match of the Day viewers with his excellent English. Much was gained in the translation. Southampton are "just setting out on a big adventure", Berkovic said. And his second goal? "It just dropped from the sky. It was definitely one of the prettiest goals I have scored." KP

#### TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Such was the sombre, surreal nature of the occasion, Tottenham can perhaps be excused their lethargic showing against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge last Saturday. Tottenham never win against Chelsea, anyway — they have failed in 15 successive attempts. Another week of wild rumours at While Hart Lane, resulting in Enzo Scito, o Belgium, not joining and Teddy Sheringham, of England, not leaving. Fact:

Darren Anderton is recovering nicely from

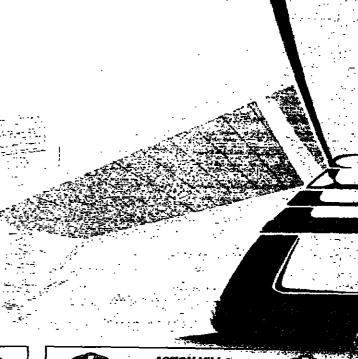
his hernia operation.

## WIMBLEDON A top-of-the-table clash at Sel-

hurst Park today? Strange but true. Arsenal, in first place, visit Wimbledon, in fourth. Wimbledon's seven-match winning run ended with a 0-0 draw at Middlesbrough last Saturday, but sweetness and light exudes from Joe Kinnear, the manager. He has even patched up his tiff with Dean Holdsworth. "Even though I asked for a transfer, I never really went on the list," Holdsworth said. "Everything's fine now. It was just a bit of a hiccup."

Reports: Brian Glanville, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, Richard Hobson, Louise Taylor, Nick Szczepenik, Keith Pike, David Maddock, Statistics; Julian Desborough

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TICKETS: Sold out

HOW THEY LINE UP

WIMBLEDON (from): N. Sullivan, K. Cunningham, B. Thatcher, A. Kimble, V. Jones, C. Perry, D. Blackwell, R. Earle, N. Ardley, O. Leonhardsen, M. Gayle, E. Ekoku, D. Hokdsworth, M. Harford,

ARSENAL (from). D Seaman, L Dixon, N Winterburn, S Bould, M Keown, A Adams, P Vieira, P Merson, D Platt, D Bergkarnp, I Wright, S Morrow, R Garde, P Shaw, R Parlour, A Linighan, M Rose, J Lukic.



10-YEAR RECORD: 0-1, 3-1, --, 0-0, 2-3, 1-1, 3-0, 0-1, 0-0, 1-1 HOW THEY LINE UP



MONDAY

#### SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY V SOUTHAMPTON

10-YEAR RECORD: 3-1, 2-1, 1-1, 0-1, --, 2-0, 5-2, 2-0, 1-1, 2-2 HOW THEY LINE UP SHEFFTELD WEDNESDAY (from): K Pressman, P Atherton, I Noten, D Walker, J Newsome, M Pembridge, G Hyde, O Trustfull, R Blinker, A Booth, B Cartone, D Hirst, D Stefanovic, S Nicol, R Humphreys, S Oakes, G Whittingham, M Clarke.

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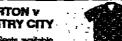


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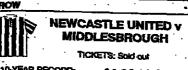
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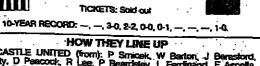
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**WEST HAM UNITED** 

ham - West Ham's opponents today because he could not get a game, still cannot, his place having gone to Portuguese wonder-boy Hugo Porfirio. "I am an

international player, so it is difficult to accept this position," Dumitrescu said.

Don't tell Dumi, but Sigi Rushfeldt, the

Norway striker, is tipped to bolster Harry

Redknapp's cosmopolitan troops.

Not everyone at Upton Park

loves their foreigners - including some of the foreigners. Ilie Dumitrescu, who left Totten-

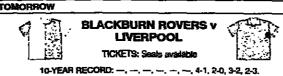
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## Robson's foreign policy shifts to stronger defence

THE virtues of being English seem to be waning in the managerial eyes of Bryan Robson. This week he sold Nicky Barmby to finance new defenders and promptly went scouring in Italy.

Robson, the epitome of the Englishman at play — hard-arning, hard-tackling and waterakable of spirit — was. less than a year ago, invited to follow Terry Venables as England coach. He felt he was too young, but nevertheless contimed to assist Venables up to the end of the European championship three months ago Yet look at Robson's revilution at Middlesbrough today.
His midfield is governed by

the Brazilian. Emerson (£4 milion). His attack is led by Falrizio Ravanelli (£7 millioi), who has already scored 13 goals. And Ravanelli is supported by Juninho (£4.5 milion), another Brazilian. Ribson can also call on the Dane, Mikkel Beck. However, it is in defence

where Middlesbrough are ailing. Yesterday there was spection that Robson is about to pend £2 million of the Barmby money on the Rangers defender, Dave Robertson. But his assistant, Viv Ander-

Rob Hughes on the manager who has lost faith in the English virtues he once embodied

Gordon McQueen, last weekend watched Parma play Internazionale, watched specifically Luigi Apolloni, who, together with Lorenzo Menotti, would be sold by Parma for £3 million. Robson was in Turin on Wednesday, casting covetous eyes over Ciro Ferrara and Gianluca Pessotto, the Juventus defenders, even though he has been told Juventus will release no one while their European Cup campaign continues.

All of this begs the question as to whether Robson has any belief left in English players, or at least those who might fit his purse. Two years ago he took a young, slightly over-weight and impetuous midfield player, Jamie Pollock, under his wing. "Turning Jamie into an international would be really satisfying," Robson observed "I really enjoy coaching him." He really enjoyed taking Barmby

from Tottenham Hotspur, too. Now both the young midfield apprentice and the England squad attacker are gone from the Riverside Stadium. It

Laws dismissed after two years at Grimsby

BRIAN LAWS, the Grimsby Town manager, was dismissed yesterday after two years at Blundell Park (Russell Kempson writes). He is the thirteenth manager, in the FA Carling Premiership and Nationwide League, to leave his job this seaso John Cockerill, the youth

coach, has been placed in charge for the first division game against Sheffield United tomorrow. Ronny Rosenthal, the Israel

and Tottenham Hossour striker, is to join Bourne-Nationande legague second division club,

have to pay £300,000 to make it permanent. Rosenthal has not started a match this sea-

☐ A takeover of Nottingham Forest is likely to be completed by early December after the annual meeting gave over-whelming backing to the first steps towards change. Just two of the 209 shareholders, who each own a single El share, voted against a motion instructing the board of directors to step up their talks with bidders. A final decision will be made at an extraordinary meeting when the board will

as the the England Under-21 squad riamed yesterday included Phil Stamp, 20, the competitive Middlesbrough midfield player. But Robson, like any other manager, has a first duty to win football matches and, in his case, a commitment to raising the technical standard of the team in his care. With £25 million at his dispesal. Barmby had been the one English player of any standing Robson pur-chased, and now he has been off-loaded, officially because

he and Judinho duplicate one

another playing off the shoul-der of Ravanelli. Ravanelli took the opportunity, while back on Italian soil last month, to pronounce that Middlesbrough, and any other ambitious English club, should observe the defenders in Serie A. He has talked, often, to Robson about this. Ravanelli has doubtless marked his manager's card about defenders he found most difficult and, under the present climate of financial accountability in Italy, even the leading clubs appear to be willing to consider cash deals

for high-quality players.
In England, even if such a versatile and dependable defender as Ferrara existed, his price would be double that in Italy. The reasoning over there is that, after Bosman, any player nearing the end of a contract, is worth next to nothing. It is a quick fix, a novel one, for English clubs to go shopping in Milan, Parma Turin, but disturbing that Robson, with all his associations with the English game, should need virtually to build an entire team on alien

Yesterday Branco, the Bra-zilian he hired and swiftly released, repeated what was being said a year ago: Bryan Robson is a fine man, a really good coach, and he will one day coach the England side." Then he really will have to put

## Vieira making a smooth transition

THE FACE OF **FOOTBALL** 



Brian Glanville on

the maturity and

resilience of young Highbury import

Datrick Vieira is picking up the pace. Those who thought he might not do so are being made to think again. Willingly, in my case, for Vieira, Arsenal's French midfield player from Senegal. is a charming and persuasive young man. Philosophical, too. His expe-

rience last season with AC Milan - when they bought him from Cannes, they were expected to send him out on loan, kept him instead, and gave him just a handful of games - might have broken the spirit of a less resilient young man.

"It was an experience I wanted very much," he said, "If it was to be done again, I would do it again." As for his various translocations, from France to Italy to England, in so short a time, he said: "It's the same game. If you score more goals, you win the match. It's the mentality which changes."

It was very early Arsenal's game against Leeds United at Highbury last Sat-urday that Vieira implicity answered his doubters. Picking up the ball from a throwin, some 40 yards from the Leeds goal, he set out on a sustained, mesmerising run. stepping past Ford, gliding past Beesley, finding himself well placed for a shot at goal only, unselfishly, to roll the hall to Lee Dixon, whose shot rocketed into the net.

Arsène Wenger, who recommended that Arsenal pay £3.5 million for Vieira, believes that he is now getting into his stride, as he achieves fitness. In Wenger's view he will get fitter still. No doubt Wenger's own, intensive training will expedite the process.



Vieira is now getting into his stride and answering the doubters

arrival, Vieira was ruled out by injury. When he did come on for his first-team debut, as a substitute at Highbury against Sheffield Wednesday, his cool, refined technique and deft use of the ball suggested that he could revitalise Arsenal's pedestrian midfield.

But in Cologne, against Borussia Mönchengladbach in a Uefa Cup first-round. second-leg match which he had said was "not mission impossible", he looked like a lost soul. Three days later at Highbury, against a Sunderland side reduced to nine men. his performance was

Certainly, he must now carry a large burden in the midfield, unless David Platt can finally regain his old, full fitness. But Vieira. as the late Raymond Chandler would have it, is no paper flower. In last week's Coca-Cola Cup third-round tie away to Stoke City, there were those who thought he might have been sent off. English referees,

season like lions, and metamorphosed into lambs. Vieira is the son of a marvellous mother, who brought him to France from Senegal when he was seven

as usual, have started the

got up each morning at 4.30 to Generales at Versailles, and rarely, if ever, went to watch him play because she was shy and preferred to see his games on television, exclaiming: "No. Patrick, don't do it!" when he went into a tackle.

As well he did not heed her advice in boyhood: "Don't wear yourself out. You'll never be a footballer!." For her son. she says: "It is Christmas all the year round: he is forever buying gifts for his nephews and nieces.

His mother went with him to Milan; she has not come to to whom he has always been very close. At Milan, he delighted in the company of such as Franco Baresi and those other two stars of African origin, George Weah, from Liberia, and Marcel Desailly, who, though a France international, was born in Ghana.

Vieira's friendship with Weah, who took him under his wing at Milan, could, however, have cost him his life. Weah was driving them to France when his car went out of control and crashed. Neither, luckily, was

Vieira's mixed fortunes pursued him to the Atlanta Olympic Games last summer. Expected to be a crucial member of the France team, he was injured before the tournament began, and had to go home.

Sometimes it is difficult to remember that this mature, towering young man is still only 20, such is his selfpossession. As yet, he speaks little English, but the arrival of Wenger and the presence of the former Strasbourg player,

'Certainly he must now carry a large burden in the Arsenal midfield'

Remi Garde, make up for that. Besides, it is less than a year ago that Vieira was competing with Italian.

He began his French career with Tours but, at 16, was happy to move up the scale to Cannes. Modesty was his watchword even when, as an 18-year-old, he made a notable goal for Horlaville against the mighty Paris Saint-Germain. "There's nothing to say," he observed. "Me, I listen to the advice of the veterans. They teach me to stay humble and modest. I don't want my head

It clearly has not but the Cannes players of that time were lavish in applause. "I had nine years with PSV Eindhoven, and I've never seen such a phenomenon," the Dutchman, Adick Koot, said. "He's a kid, but he can do everything in football. He hasn't even any need of advice.

From Wenger, Vieira will willingly take advice, and if he continues to pick up the pace.

#### Gustafsson enjoys benefit of net gains

FROM ALIX RAMSAY in paris

IN THE absence of any star names, the ATP Tour offered up a new character to grab the headlines at the Paris Open yesterday. And while the ten-nis between Magnus Gustalsson and Marc Rosset may at times have been turgid, the performance of the electronic net-cord monitor was keeping everyone on the edge of their

Throughout the match the office appeared to have a mind of its own. bleeping when the ball touched the net - and bleeping again when it did not. While it may have amused the crowd, the players were less than impressed, asking the tour supervisor. Mark Darby, to turn it off and rely on a man with his finger on the net to tell whether each service was good or not.

The ATP's response was hardly high-tech. Three times Darby appeared with a roll of adhesive tape to adjust the offending gadget, and three times his influence made no difference. For Rosset, it was all too much. Given his first chance to reach a semi-final in two years, he lost 6-2, 3-6, 6-2. Caught out yet again by the quality of Gustafsson's returns and the frequency of the electronic bleeps, he registered his disgust by balancing his racket on his nose and got a round of applause which cheered him up enormously.

Afterwards he was subdued to the point of torpor. I think there is a better way to spend so much money than on a machine that does not work." he said. Gustafsson, a levelheaded soul, was in agree-ment. "It destroyed the rhythm and the match, he

Custaisson, however, has ger fish to fry. A semi-final place against either Thomas Enqvist or Stefan Edberg could help his chances of Sweden Davis making the

## Celebrating the switch from sinner to saint

IT IS time to celebrate the charm and goodness of the great and kindly Tonya Har-ding. Harding, you will re-member, was the bad girl in the great ice skating soap opera, in which the doll-like Nancy Kerrigan was assault-ed and whacked on the knee and Harding was later found-gualty of obstructing the course of justice in the subse-quent investigation of the case. Well, Harding is now a hero, a saint and a life-saver. Never a girl of pretentious tastes, last weekend she went to a local bar near where she lives in Portland, Oregon, in order to play video poker. God, Harding says, must have sent here there. For while she was doing her stuff, Alice Olson, 81, collapsed. Harding, pausing only to call police on her mobile phone, at once took charge and performed mouthto-mouth resuscitation. "It was very, very scary," Har-diog said. "The lady was linerally dead for two

But Harding brought her round and comforted her until paramedics arrived. It was members of Olson's family who went public with the story. Harding worked with the elderly as part of the conditions for her probation after she was found guilty. She is still banned for life from skating, but hopes to make a comeback in unofficial events.

Final whistle

Ajax, the Amsterdam football club, have opened a special cemetery for dead fans. It takes the form of a miniature football field, complete with a toy grandstand. It lies inside the larger cemetery at Osdorp. on the edge of town, and is rurled with sods from the nowdemolished De Meer stadium. After cremation, you can scatter the ashes of the loved one across the little football field.

Foot fault

Adolfo Zapata collected the sum of \$195 a week in worker's compensation benefits between November I and December 17 in 1995. He claimed that he injured his foot while working for a catering company in June 1995.



On Saturday

videotape of the New York City Marathon run on Nov-ember 12 1995 shows Zapata finishing in 240th position. recording a highly respectable time of 2hr 48min 54sec. Zapata was arrested this week for allegedly faking the foot injury to collect compensation.

Spirit rules

It was the final of the Indians Olympics football tourna-ment for women in central Brazil, Bororo played Bakieri, these two being tribes from the Matto Grosso. Suddenly. there was a clap of thunder. At once Nayara, the Bororo stopper, picked up the ball and gave it to the referee, saying The spirit of the Great Creator is showing itself. We cannot continue. The referee awarded a penalty to the other side, but Bakieri refused to take it. Both teams left the pitch. "I'm used to taking



games all over Brazil," said Eraldo Alves, the referee, and sometimes I've been threatened with death. But things like this I've never seen." The teams returned to the pitch after 15 minutes; Bororo won 3-2 and celebrated by kicking each other.

Five starters

I have a report of a football match between Old Paludians 94 and Martin Baker S and S Club in the Chiltonian League premier division. It comes in ever-delightful Non-League Traveller magazine.

The visitors, not surpris-

ingly, won 5-0 in front of a crowd of ten, which included four travellers. I say not surprisingly as the home side only had five players at the scheduled kick-off time, and I suppose did quite well to rustle up a full team ... there was only one match-ball fit for play (the visitors supplied one of theirs when the original was lofted into the car park of the adjacent pub) and two others were in need of pumping up (no pump available), no penalty spot was marked at one end. a stanchion was deemed dangerous by the referee and one of the linesmen was felled by an innaccurate shot during the pre-match kickabout ... we were lucky to see a game at all

... all a bit of a shame really. as the club have made considerable ground improvements

Coining it

Here is a further tootnote to the great book of sporting superstition. Rheal Cormier. pitcher for Montreal Expos, was having trouble with his pitching. The pitching coach, Joe Kerrigan, put it down to nothing more than had luck, and was convinced that all that was needed was a charm. So he appealed to the fans for an Irish coin and one of them came up with an Irish 20p

Cormier dutifully placed the coin in his pocket next time he had a game to pitch. He was clobbered on the ankle by a batted ball and had to leave the game and go on what Americans picturesquely call

## Male Urinary Discomfort?

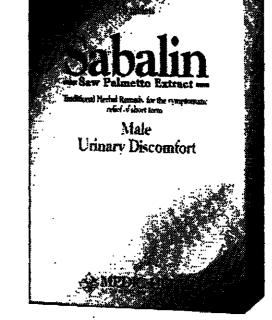
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**RUGBY LEAGUE 47** 

Great Britain tour ends on note of low farce

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Lehane feels heat before Melbourne Cup



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Hoddle puts his faith in player's desire to change

## Gascoigne given last chance

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN England's plane takes off for Tbilisi next Wednesday for a demanding World Cup qualifying match against Georgia, there will be more danger of group counselling therapy than a repeat of loutish misbehaviour three

Glenn Hoddle, the Samaritan of football managers, has chosen not only Paul Gascoigne, but also Tony Adams and Paul Merson, rehabilitating alcoholics. Paul Ince, sent off in two of his last three games, and Ian Wright, whose sometimes wondrous goals are seldom far apart from his impulsive words.

The England coach clearly is on a mission, one as dangerous as throwing petrol on the bonfire. Hoddle, whose one doubt about accepting the calling to coach his country concerned the intrusion into his committed family life. clearly believes that where there is talent he must wrestle with the imperfections of personality. With the unadulterbacking of Keith

#### **SQUAD**

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Wiseman and Graham Kelly. the new chairman and the chief executive of the Football Association respectively, Hoddle insisted yesterday that, no matter the protest and the moral outrage, he will work to save Gascoigne. In essence. Hoddle sat before us and said that he knows all the not; this being so, Hoddle defends his right to select Gascoigne on merit.

Even that is debatable. The last time Gascoigne played for England, winning his 45th cap against Poland last month, he was ineffectual. When he played against Ajax for Rangers, he was sent off for kicking an opponent, and later admitted that the balance of his mind was disturbed by taking his marital problems onto the football pitch. One is far from

convinced that a hat-trick against Motherwell last week-end is proof of his form or fitness and, on that ground alone. Hoddle had the opportunity to take Gascoigne, at least temporarily, out of the intensity of the public spotlight in England for this

difficult trip.
Instead. Hoddle announced: "No way do I condone what Paul has done, but I see it as an opportunity at this time to help him change rather than cast him out. I know every single detail now. a lot of it has to remain private, but I needed that detail to help me make the

Hoddle believes that it was crucial to get involved in Gascoigne's personal problems, and to waste no time in doing so. The coach said, not for the first time, that he considers the person more important than football. Interesting, for he is a football coach rather than a mentor. guide or therapist.

There were 23 names in Hoddle's squad, which was announced at Lancaster Gate yesterday. Ordinarily, one would be focusing on the need to replace the captain. Alan Shearer, and his almost singular ability to strike England goals. Wright, 33 tomorrow. believed his opportunity had gone; Robbie Fowler, 12 years and a sporting lifetime in hand, has just returned to his most potent and thrilling scoring form at Liverpool.

And yet, one knew that, in this autumn of the British debate, Gascoigne would dominate all. Julie Bindel, representing an international conference on violence and abuse against women, called it an "outrage" that Hoddle should pick Gascoigne. Hoddle's response is to reiterate that he has spent two weeks getting to know the facts, implicitly facts more to the public in the press.

"Rather than punishment, Hoddle said, "we need to change him, to change his personality a little bit off the field. I have seen a change in Paul even in this short time, Walter Smith [the Rangers manager has seen it too ... the boy wants to put it right and I believe he should be given the time to do that." The trouble could be that Gascoigne is convincing at



Gascoigne arrives at Ibrox for training with Rangers yesterday, having retained his place in the England squad

effectively his entire life, is threatened he is, indeed, a little boy lost and his determination to atone is convincing.

Hoddle, just three weeks ago, opined: "I'm only interested in the Gascoigne before me. He is a serious man who wants to succeed and now that

believe that has made a big should look at the baby lying in the bed at night, because a baby's body needs careful looking after. It is special, When a footballer reaches 30, the body also needs to be

The feeling at Lancaster Gate yesterday was that even Gascoigne knows this is his last chance. "Last chance? I don't think you can actually say that." Hoddle answered "But he knows he's got to change and to sustain that change over a long period." The coach, revealing his own

mitment to that change, now also depends on it. Hoddle cannot win, even if he wins the football match.

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## **Uefa draw pits** Newcastle against French

By DAVID MADDOCK

ALL OF those clubs with European pedigree avoided each other in the third-round draw of the Uefa Cup yester-day, offering Newcastle Uni-ted, Britain's sole remaining representatives, a relatively comfortable tie. They will travel to FC Metz, of France. for the first leg of the tie on November 19, and entertain the side languishing in midtable in their domestic competition at St James' Park on December 3.

It promises to be a straightforward tie for Newcastle, and much the same can be said for the other favourites in the competition. Internazionale, Feyenoord, Anderlecht and Valencia. Only SV Hamburg and AS Monaco have really drawn the short straw by being paired together, thus ensuring that at last one fancied side will not survive to the last eight.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, was at pains to point out that any team still surviving at this stage will present problems, but he found it hard to conceal his satisfaction when he learnt of his side's destiny yesterday lunch-time.

"We're a big scalp now and really it is a good draw," he said. They are halfway down the French league, so they will be focused on this tie, but I am delighted that we have got the first game away. I think it will give us an advantage. We are capable of going on and winning it — but not if we defend away from home as we did in the first two rounds."

One suspects that Keegan would have been happier only if he had been set against SV Hamburg, his former club. While such an obvious reunion has been delayed, there is still a strong connection within the tie. The trip to Metz, a steel town on the German border, offers Ginola a chance

The Frenchman has served a long exile from the international side, a frustrating situation exacerbated by his relocation in the North East of England, from Paris. Keegan senses an anger welling within the winger and believes that the tie will present the opportunity for Ginola to show his countrymen what they have

"It is a chance for him to go home and show how well he is playing," he said. "He is in

fine form at the moment, has when you play overseas it can be overlooked. I know that, David is desperate to get had into the French team and it can only help him if he gies over there and plays well.

Ginola was a little more philosophical. I can do noning more than play well, because it is not up to me, it is the decision of Aime Jacquet fine France coach). What cat I do? Go to his house, knock on the door and get down on one knee to beg? I want to play fit my country again, but I are not that sort of person."

Liverpool are Britain's only team certain of a place in the quarter-finals of a Europea competition, but they will have to wait until December II & discover their opponents in the Cup Winners Cup, when the draw for all competitions will be made.

Liverpool will not play in Europe again until Marchy but their victory over FC Sion, of Switzerland, in extravagant fashion on Thursday evening

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has offered them a wonderful opportunity to secure the one European trophy not to have adorned Anfield.

There are quality European names such as Barcelona. Benfica, Fiorentina and Paris Saint-Germain left in the draw, but Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, is not unduly worried. "We didn't defend

against Sion, but I believe that we have enough flair and movement upfront to make us ☐ Savo Milosevic has yet to complete his £4.5 million move from Aston Villa to Perugia, of Italy, although club officials are confident the

Milosevic was back in England yesterday afternoon and is due to fly to Yugoslavia tomorrow to prepare for the World Cup qualifying match against the Czech Republic. Brian Little, the Aston Villa manager, said: "We are trying to tie up all the loose ends."

deal will go through.

## European cup encounters are laced with intrigue

apologising. He has had much

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

THE promotion of European club rugby's second season may have been appalling -'ludicrous" is one of the kinder adjectives applied to its management — but no stigma can be attached to the players who go into the final round of qualifying matches today: they have produced a series of results so intriguing that only three of the eight quarterfinalists can be named with certainty at this stage.

Pre-tournament favourites for the Heineken Cup, such as Toulouse. Bath and Harlequins, have already received stern reminders that life was not meant to be easy - indeed Toulouse have spent much of the week since losing 77-17 to Wasps agonising on the possible effects of such a hiding. Leicester, unbeaten in pool B, will seek to avoid such introspection after the meeting at Welford Road with Llanelli today, but they have been

"I think everyone in Wales is fed up with the English clubs saying how good they are." Rupert Moon, the Llanelli scrum half, who at one stage last summer was linked with a possible move to Leicester. said. This is our opportunity to prove them wrong and to

give Welsh rugby another "Cardiff and Pontypridd

have already beaten two of England's best sides [Wasps and Bath, respectively]. Now it's our chance to make it three. I think Welsh rugby is on the up and the European results so far have proved as much. But you have to beat the best and Leicester are one of the best. We know we could go through even if we lose but it would be stupid to worry about other results. We have

Townsend's honour

One benefit of the competi-

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tion is that sides such as Leicester and Lianelli can restore playing links ruptured by the advent of league rugby. The two have not met since 1989 and Llanelli might have wished their pack to be in better fettle for the occasion. Though such luminaries as leuan Evans and Wayne Proctor return to the backs, international forwards. Mike Voyle and Andrew Gibbs are injured and Julian Williams. the flanker, has snapped a

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ligament. Leicester, who have omitted Rory Underwood again, are offering half-price admission to their members. So far this season there have been only three home league games, and even Leicester's swarming numbers have baulked at paying full price for Anglo-Welsh and Euro-

Dale McIntosh, who is closing in on a Wales cap, is lit to play for Pontypridd in Dax, but the Welsh club travelled in the knowledge that a bad defeat could cost them a quarter-final place on points difference. Similarly, Bath must beat Treviso by a minimum 16 points to ensure advancement from pool A. As they play this afternoon and Pontypridd this evening, it will be an anxious wait for the

West Countrymen. Brive, like Leicester and Cardiff, already certain to go through, meet Ulster in Belfast with an uncertain away record but buoyant after their defeat of Harlequins. After a week in which their unbeaten season's record and league record have gone by the board. Harlequins will wish to avoid any mistakes against Caledonia at the Stoop Memoriai ground - just as Toulouse have a reputation to restore against Munster at Les Sept

"It was as if Wasps had lanted a bomb in our team," Guy Noves, the Toulouse coach, said after their defeat last Saturday. "It exploded and the worry now is that it has left self-doubt inside my players." That is a situation Munster long to exploit so that they can ensure an Irish presence in the quarter-finals.



#### Mendez to boost Bath pack power

have added Federico Méndez to their collection of international talent (David Hands writes). The Argentina hooker may be only the first of a new wave of signings, however, if Bath's interest in Steve Atherton. Mendez's team-mate at Natal, and Simon Shaw, of Bristol, the England A lock, is

Méndez made his debut for Argentina as a schoolboy prop in 1990, instantly estabprop in 1990, instantly estab-lishing a reputation by knock-ing out Paul Ackford, the England lock, and being dis-missed for his indiscretion. At 24, and nearly 18st, he has become one of the world's outstanding front-row talents, honing his skills in Natal's

finishing school this season, where he was part of their Currie Cup-winning side.
"We are delighted that
'Fred' has decided to join us," John Hall, the Bath director of rugby, said yesterday after Mendez made a flying visit to the Recreation Ground earlier this week. "We feel he will help us realise our ambitions in world rugby."

## Players rule out Gooch's rival

performances for Essex last season confirmed him as still the best batsman in the country, is prepared to consider ending his 24-year playing career in order to succeed Raymond Illingworth as chairman of the England selectors.

Gooch, 43, declared his interest yesterday after the Cricketers' Association had blocked the chairmanship ambitions of its general secretary, David Graveney, for a second time because of a possible conflict of interests.

"I am contracted to play for said, "but I would have to give the matter serious thought if I was approached to be England's chairman. Other than that, there is not much else I can say -- except that I believe that David Graveney would make a very good chairman."

There is no chance of that now that the Cricketers' Association has reinforced the position it took last March, when several counties wanted Graveney to challenge Illingworth. We do not think things have altered enough for a different stance to be taken." Tim Curtis, vice-president of

the association, said. Graveney, who is in Austra lia managing the England A team, reluctantly accepts the situation. "I sensed that there was not 100 per cent support for me running as chairman so I am stepping aside," he said

There is a genuine feeling that in the interests of the game it would not be appropriate for someone representing the players to be in a position which inevitably ties

GRAHAM GOOCH, whose in closely with the management of the game," Curtis said. "We feel that being a servant of two masters could lead to problems. No one is objecting to Graham Gooch. He has recognised one of the potential difficulties by saying that he would no longer play if he was given the job."

So the way has been cleared for Gooch, who served alongside Graveney as a selector last season and would have been working with him on the A tour as coach if he had not decided to stay at home

because of his father's illness. No appointment will be made until March and the new six-man England management committee will not even be in place before January. By then, other candidates will have emerged but there is bound to be considerable support for Gooch, who was the leading Englishman in the batting averages with 1,944 runs at 67.03.

☐ Ashley Giles, the Warwickshire left-arm spinner, pre-vented the New South Wales XI from establishing a decisive advantage over England A on the second day of the tour match in Tamworth. In his 27 overs, Giles took

four for 79 as the New South Wales side reached 215 for five, to lead by 60 runs. Giles reduced them to 47 for four but Scott Thompson and Craig Glassock added 113 in an unbroken sixth-wicket partnership in the final session. "I got very tired, the heat was incredible." Giles said.

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# away to war

t is not their age that grips me first, but their language. Sam Russell is 81 years old. Milton Wolff is also 81. Titlence Edney, still very beautiful is 85. These three proud, lucid old lefties — two Brits, one American — all veterans of the Spanish Civil War, say things such as "proletarian", "class struggle", "progressive forces" and "working class", words not now used even in the Labour Party. They use these words unselfconsciously and seem to assume that you use them, too. Their faith is absolute, and touching. Mr Russell badly wounded in the

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Once members of the International Brigades, the communist volunteer corps which fought Pranco, the three return next week, along with more than 450 other veterans from Europe and America, to the land of their youthful ideals. Spain has invited them back. It wants to honour them with civic receptions, commemorative monuments and gala meals. Most of all, it wants to bestow Spanish citizenship on them, for risking their lives 60 years ago in a war that broke the hearts, and took the lives, of volunteers from around the world. It is a gathering of

Aptember 1936. Sam Russell was 21, a student of Egyptology at was ZI, a student of Egyptology at London University, preparing to go to Cairo for his first dig. Hitler was in power in Germany, Mussolini in Italy. Blackshirts had marched on London's streets.

"Although I was in the leftwing movement, I'd joined the Officers" Training Coros iOTCI at Officers Training Corps [OTC] at university. I was interested in military matters and I thought it would be amusing. They were so hard-up for recruits then that they even took obvious lefties like me. My father, who was anti-military, as were many people in

Britain at the time, was very unhappy with me for joining." Days before leaving for Egypt. Mr Russell met the poet John 

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Comford, a Cambridge graduate and a great-grandson of Charles Darwin. Persuasive as only poets can be, he prevailed upon the young Egyptologist to forget his dig and head for Spain, to stop fascism in its tracks. By the end of December Cornford was dead, shot on the Córdoba front, and

own machinegun company.

Cornford's death was like that
of countless others, but more
widely lamented because of his

same battle, "probably by our

On the last mile to Huesca The last fence for our pride Think so kindly, dear, that I Sense you at my side.

Of the 2,000 British volunteers, 500 died and 1,200 were wounded. Of the 2,800 Americans, 900 were killed. Frenchmen died, too, as did Germans, Austrians, Poles, Czechs, Hungarians, Yugoslavs, Swedes, Unlike Cornford, most of those who died wrote little that survives.

by the little that survives.

But many wrote letters: some boyish, to mother; others passionate, or manly, to girlfriends back home. Milton Wolff, "sort of an art student from Brooklyn", wrote often from the Spanish front to Ann Lenore, the girl he was later to marry. He wrote was later to marry. He wrote letters like this:

Ann Lenore, I was out putting the men through their paces this afternoon, teaching them how to kill. Most of them are new men and must learn the art... We must rehearse until we are perfect at the play, for if we succeed we end all this stupid drama.

Mr Wolff, like Mr Russell, was

21 when he left for Spain in January 1937. A member of the

On Monday, international volunteers who fought in the Spanish Civil War are returning to Madrid. Three of the survivors tell their stories to TUNKU VARADARAJAN





Above: Patience Edney as a 25-year-old nurse on the frontline, and today at 85. Top: Republican volunteers leaving for the Civil War — a promise of death before tyranny painted on their train

Young Communist League, he was Jewish, as were so many of was Jewish, as were so many of the American volunteers. Con-sider these names: Harry Fisher, Moe Fishman, Jack Friedman, Carl Geiser, Toby Jensky, Hy-man Katz, Sidney Kaufman, Lawrence Kleidman, Leo Leven-son, Fred Lutz, Harry Meloff, Wilfred Mendelson, Edwin Rolfe,

national Brigade." Unlike Mr Russell, who five months earlier could take the socalled "Red Train" from the Gare d'Austerlitz to the Spanish front, laid on by the Soviet Union's agencies in Paris, Mr Wolff had

Leon Rosenthal, Paul Sigel. The first fighters against the Holocaust were Jews of the Inter-closed her borders and I was forced to scale mountains. Boy, that was tough for a city fellow like me, used to climbing no more than a few stairs in Brooklyn. But I was determined to get there and put my ass where my mouth was, if you'll pardon the expression."

Patience Edney, unlike Mr Russell and Mr Wolff, did not go to wield a weapon. She was a nurse, and had volunteered to serve in Spain's war. But why did she, a 25-year-old midwife at the University College Hospital, swap a steady job in London for high-risk work in a war-torn, anarchist Spanish village?

The words tumble out in a firmvoiced torrent. "Nurses were bul-lied. We worked a 12-hour day, six days a week, for little pay. There was no health service and the conditions in which the English urban poor, lived were squalid. Europe was bubbling then. It was volcanic, quite volcanic."

Edney adds: "Ideals flowering in the midst of despair. I saw that the Spaniards were getting at the Establishment, and I had to join them. I told my mother, who swallowed hard and said something about it being in the family nature. So off I went, to my first field job, at the Carlos Marx hospital on the Aragon front."

The poet Auden, who worked briefly as a Panublican stretcher.

briefly as a Republican stretcherbearer in 1937, described the dark allure to radical young people of Spain's Civil War:

They clung like burrs to the long expresses that lurch Through the unjust lands. through the night, through the alpine tunnel

They floated over the oceans They walked the passes. All presented their lives.

Mrs Edney, then Miss Darton, came simply to save lives. "But it was often so hopeless. I saw 17year-old Spanish boy soldiers

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killed them. We even set up hospitals in caves. The Spanish was sad. Condino

very harsh." Every corner of Spain was harsh, and young Russell had an uncomfortably early taste of that harshness. His group from Britain had just arrived at the International Brigade head-quarters in Albacete, and was put into a French battelion under a into a French battalion under a Colonel Dumont (known as Colonel Kodak because of his fondness for being photographed). There was a language problem. Our weapons were all of different shapes and sizes, apart from being antiquated and dangerous. Training was a shambles, and we hardly had any of it." Yet weeks later in November 1936, Mr Russell was pitched into the battle to hold Madrid, perhaps the fiercest of the entire war.

"We were in the front line, in the university campus, trying to hold back Franco's Moorish soldiers. I was holed up in the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters, and got a pretty sharp tutorial in warfare. The fighting was ferocious, building that OTC strategy from London, based on bushy-topped trees and formations, was totally useless.

"But I remember laughing out loud when I found a tourist poster in a room, in the middle of the fighting. It was a picture of a donkey cart, with the words. Spain: the charm of the East with the comfort of the West'."

Spain's more obvious charms were not lost on Mr Russell either. "I recall La Roda, a village near Albacete. They grow crocus flowers there, so they can extract saffron from the stamens. Did you know it takes 150 flowers too yield a gram of saffron? The

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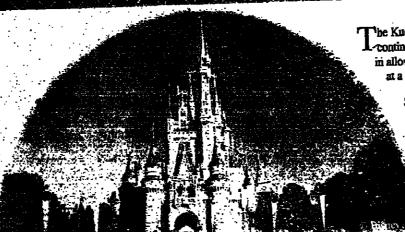
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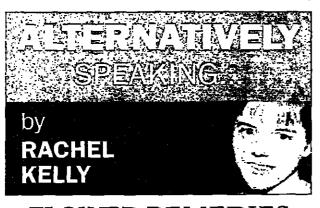
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this sounds like one for the fairies. "Flower remedies are 38 plant and flower-based essences each designed to treat a different feeling." A different what? Yes, that's right, feeling. The idea is — and I quote

from the Dr Edward Bach Centre, the Oxfordshire home of the original and best-known flower remedies in Britain — that by stimulating the body's own capacity to heal itself, by balancing negative feelings, helping you to take control", you will "get more out of life".

The remedies primarily treat emotional not physical problems. So, clematis treats dreaminess or lack of interest in the present, Wild rose treats apathy or resignation. Olive treats lack of energy. Gentian treats despondency: beech intolerance. And chestnut bud, as you might not imagine, treats a "failure to learn from past mistakes". the centre says.

My cynicism grew when I learnt from whence hail the remedies. They are made from flowers soaked in spring water and then boiled or left in the sun to "energise. The resulting essence is preserved in brandy and bottled. It all started because Dr Edward Bach. the creator of the system, believed the energy of plants that gathered on them in the

mornings. But curiosity overcame me and I found myself chatting to Brenda Woodward at her flat in Westminster, a smiley, registered "counsellor" and a serene 63-year-old mother of five. "I started on flower remedies about 12 years ago," she said. "I was suffering from a wonky gallbladder, brittle nails and

scurf in my hair." Soon after treating her emotional symptoms, she cancelled her forthcoming gall-bladder operation, and

two years ago trained with the Bach centre to become a counsellor.

"Training really began because of EC regulations." she says. The Bach centre had to decide what to call its remedies and, once it had labelled them medicines, a batch of rules came in from Europe. Thus there is now training for counsellors."

After a three-day course with the centre, she worked for six months at home, and wrote a thesis on the theory of the remedies and some case histories.

So here goes. The remedies have no pharmacological ingredients. Instead, they are believed to contain a plant's actual energy, which works on a "vibrational" level within the body. Now for the quantum

physics. All matter is made up of sub-atomic particles of energy. These particles vibrate in a way that keep us healthy and balanced. When ill, we lose this balance. Disturbances can be corrected by ingesting natural substances with vibrational patterns that match those of our own energies. The principle is known as "sym-

that's clear then. Emotional problems and stress react best. but these essences can help physical problems that have emotional and not

pathetic resonance".

chological components, too. This is where it all begins to become more convincing. because I am sure it makes sense that there is an emotional component to most illnesses. I invariably get ill when I am miserable or have had a row with the dog.

And, for all you cynics, this is where doctors agree. Andrew Tresidder, a Somerset GP, who rounnely uses flower remedies in about a third of his cases. He believes in empowering his patients. Naturally, when you are ill you feel down, and when you



Brenda Woodward, a counsellor with the Dr Edward Bach Centre, was cured of "a wonky gall bladder, brittle nails and scurf"

are down you often fall ill, he

Edward Bach was a Harley Street doctor and bacteriologist. Though considered odd at the time, he believed in treating the whole person, not just the illness, an attitude that has become commonplace in an age of holistic medicine. Observing his patients, he believed that person's nature and psychological state affected their health, that physical disease was often a manifestation of emotional prob-

Dr Bach developed 38 flower and plant-based remedies. Each aimed to cure different emotional problems, grouped under the

Continued from page I women would gather flowers

in the sun, and then sit in the

shade to take the stamens

out. I remember going to help. It was the best way to

get to know the girls from the village. He chuckled deeply

at the memory, then trailed

he, too, had a glad eye for the girls. Here is a letter. "Mom

dearest: There I sat in the club 'Chicote' sipping a

whisky and soda when what floated into my vision? The

most beautiful face I've ever

seen...a copper-coloured

face, gracefully long, with

sweeping lines joining jaw and neck — slanting eyes.

black and sparkling — a small nose, tilted so you could see the tiny nostrils —

full sensuous and voluptuous

lips, slightly negroid - natu-

rally arched eyebrows and

black-blue-black waving hair. She was tall, yet small

boned and she didn't touch

the ground when she walked

But Ann Lenore stood by her man. "I remember, I was

unaccounted for after the

battle of Belchite, for about

eight or nine days, and everyone thought I'd been

taken prisoner. So what does

she do. this Catholic girl-

friend of mine? She writes to

Franco, as a Catholic, asking

him to free me. He didn't

she floated."

Ithough Mr Wolff was going out with Ann Lenore back home,

off into thought.

headings: fear, uncertainty, insufficient interest in present circumstances, loneliness. oversensitivity. despair and over-concern for the

welfare of others.
I get spots. So I thought Mrs Woodward might be able to tell me what emotional problem was behind them. We had a lovely chat, touching on work, rest and play. I left with a small brown bottle rather like something out of Alice in Wonderland. which had impatiens to deal with my impatience, crab apple to clear the spots, olive for tiredness, and vervain for being bossy - all of which

could lead to the stress which

in turn leads to the spots. I

take four drops on my

I can't tell you whether it works yet. The remedies are ones for life. I am not expecting anything very dra-matic. Mrs Woodward says not to. There are no sideeffects. The impact is usually gradual, she says, in that I will increasingly feel more balanced. And in time she promises a peaches-and-cream rather than a pizza-

faced complexion. But I can say that I left her home feeling calm and, surprisingly, rather elated. "Oh yes," she said. There's a lot of healing in this room." It may be one for the fairies, but I am not so sure.

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**GILES COREN** 



#### **COFFEE MACHINES**

7 ou are sitting round at Poggy and Wendy's little mews house after a particularly spiffing supper, hands on belly, breathing heavily and keeping your good eye on the last slice of treacle pud, when Wendy, a vision in pearls and lambswood, addresses the throng, thus: "Anyone for a spot of corfee?"

Crucial moment, this.
Wendy's a reliable filly
but a bit of a tea-drinker
— the image of the worshipful bean not being eiched on her DNA Could be a sad end to a

charming evening.

A kettle boils. So it's not espresso or cappuccino. Nor is it percolated, Turkish, Lebanese, or any oth-er boiled-in-

the-pot and sweetened variety. No sign of a cafetiere, and those things that sit on cups and tinkle warm H2O through pre-packed doilies are more Little Chef than Little Boltons. Had been rather hoping for one of those

meths-burning conical chaps on a retort We interrupt this mono-

logue to bring you an urgent Style flash: Do not have people like this to dinner. Do not buy your coffee-making apparatus to suit the whim of fashion. Buy the most effective the way you most enjoy.
I can drink only char-

coal-roasted Nicaraguan Wahoola beans, ground in a Russell Hobbs 9702 mill (£18.75) and handpumpèd in a La Pavoni Europiccola espresso maker (£335) — the £270 model lacks a chrome finish on its base, which seriously affects the flavour.

Some may say that the Kenwood CG400 (£29.75), with built-in timer, is a more efficient grinder than the 9702. To them I say. "Yes, but does it look like a Dalek?" They may also say that the Krups Prego, at £69.50. is better value than the Pavoni. But I say, "Can you be sure that it delivers at least 15 bars of water pressure, thus ensuring the characteristic creamy head?" They cannot.

King of the espresso machines is the Pavoni Professional A snip at £450, it has full chrome body armour, phallic pump handie and a clas-sic 1930s-style pressure gauge, with red overdrive indicator. Even with only 24 hours to save Earth. Fiash Gordon would have

found time to make a cuppa with one of these. The electric percolator is making a comeback, and the Russell Hobbs 9700 (£36.50) is a classic of the current Politiking the the genre, Bubbling the water repeatedly through the grounds, it does make a rather bitter coffee, but the sight of it gurgling up into the Perspex handle is a delicious throwback to the 1970s. For smoother

coffee, take the plunge. La Cafetiere's 'As filter chrome-finished model machines (£29.50 for the four-cup varimake only ety) is de rigueur — the gold finish is papervulgar and flavoured more expensive, the black plastic simply mud I do out of the ques-tion. Interestnot include ing variations them' are the BMF insulated ver-

sion (£29). which keeps the coffee hot for two hours, and the £16 Guzzini in blue or green translucent plastic.

Filter machines are many and various, but as they make only paper-flavoured mud I do not include them.

Conran feeling. I recommend on-stove percolating. The six-cup Bialetti Moka (£15.50) is solid and steely and has a moustachioed Italian embossed on it. The Vigano Kontessa (£49) may sound like a cheap car, but makes up for it with a curvacious, Art Decoey feel.

And the tricky guest? He only wants to scoff, anyway. So keep the Pavoni out of sight and open the Maxwell House. One tip, though, if I may: boil the water in a Bodum Cordless Jelly Kettle. Sold in transparent turquoise. orange, yellow or blue, it looks as if it were fashioned from last year's sandals, and would elevate even a Batchelors Cup-A-Soup to the condition of design statement.

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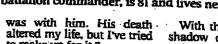
and last commander of the Lincoln battalion, comprised entirely of American volun-teers. "I was never wounded. I survived. That's how I progressed from being a water-boy for the machinegunners to commander. If you lasted the war, you led." He now lives near San Francisco, having had trou-ble throughout his life for his communist beliefs. "I'm not looking forward to going back to Spain. I've been back three times, but it's emotional. I'm honoured they're offering us nationality, but I think I'll stay American. I'd

Sam Russell, a 21-year-old Egyptology student who dropped every-thing to fight in Spain. now lives in Clapham, south London, aged 81 have to swear allegiance to the king, although I think

you know. I feel rather unworthy. We were young then, and the welcome we got he's a pretty good guy from the Spanish people was Sam Russell, who lives in our best reward."

Clapham, south London, and wrote for many years for n her basement flat in the communist Morning Camden Town, north Star, never commanded anything. "All the time I was London, Mrs Edney is the most emotionally torn of all, "I have never been back to Spain since I left in with the International Bri-gade I occupied the highest rank of any army in the world, that of a common October 1938. Never. There are too many memories, and the memories upset me tersoldier." Will he take up the ribly... A chap I was deeply offer of Spanish nationality? 'No, I've managed well on in love with, a German, was British nationality so far. But killed on the Ebro. I'm going I'm very moved by it, though to make efforts not to go back I'm not an emotional man, to all those places where I





Milton Wolff, an American volunteer who progressed from the rank of water-boy to battalion commander, is 81 and lives near San Francisco

to make up for it." She later married an Englishman, from the Communist Party, whom she met in London after the war. He had been a volunteer in Spain like herself. Yet there is no doubt that she would see in these lines, by Edwin Rolfe of the Lincoln battal-

Why are my thoughts in another country? Why do I always return to the sunken road through corroded hills

ion, questions from her own

clenched past:

With the Moorish castle's shadow casting ruins over

Rolfe was Wolff's friend. But his words are Russell's, too. And Mrs Edney's. And those of every surviving volunteer old enough to have been there, and young enough to remember.

 Extracts from Milton Wolff's letters, from Madrid 1937: Letters from the Abraham Lincoln Brigade from the Spanish Civil War, Ed, Cary Nelson & Jefferson Hendricks/ Routledge, 1996.

# Farewell-to the little black dress



ABOVE: Chocolate lace dress with satin slip, £242, Betty, lackson Craise Wear, 311 Brompton Road, \$W3 (0171,559 7884).

RIGHT: Orchid Pink embossed velvet lacket, £245; matching trousers, £125, Whistles, 12 St Christophers Place, W1 (0171-487 4484). Silver seguin and chillothiop, £754, Ben de List. Flowechair clip, from £19,95, Johnny Loves Roste;





ichols, SW1 (0171-734 0089). Ruby stretch satin dress, £79.99, In Wear, flower hair clip, from a selection, Johnny Loves Rosie at Fenwicks, Bond Street, W1 (0171-629 9161). Fine gold twisted rope

#### Bring some colour and fun into the party season with floral prints and 'flapper' styles, says **GRACE BRADBERRY**

here is a kind of dyslexia that afflicts women when they open party invitations. The dress code may say "lomge suit", "black tie", "formal" or nothing at at all. But they will always read the words Little Black Dress. The rise and rise of the LBD says

more about our cowardice than our sense of style. It may be chic, it may be flattering, it may even be witty but, above all, it is safe — and that's the reason we wear it.

Rifling through the wardrobe, it is our enemies, not our admirers whom we see before us, and so, inevitably, we reach for that favourite slither of black - a fabric fortress against the taunts of

Of course, black doesn't really suit many of us, but what's that got to do with anything? After all, wear it short. wear it tight, and wear it in black was the credo of many a 1980s party girl with

But now fashion designers are mounting an offensive against the tyranny of the LBD. Cymics might say this is because they've realised that women are resurrecting their "investment buys" year after year but, whatever their motivation, it is good news for

the ever-more funereal party scene.
To succeed, the alternatives will have to be just as adept at social acrobatics. vaulting from the formal cocktail party to the bring-a-bottle booze-up without falling flat on their backsides.

The trick is to wear something that has an element of both dressing-up and dressing-down; jeans that are made of velvet, a slip dress with a more formal gown or jacket, an immaculately cut bias-dress in a floral print.

But it is by appealing to our sense of humour that designers are most likely to entice us away from black. Let's face it, black dresses along with black leather recliners and matte black coffee tables betray a certain deadpan obsession with style Beaded "flapper" dresses, bohemian velvet gowns and frilled lingerie-looks — all of which are big fashion stories this winter — suggest

a sense of fun.
The whole "flapper" thing is huge this season, with handkerchief hems and cromeback. fluid shapes making a comeback.

Pearce Florida, the British design duo,
lave made this style their own, and
flave also revived the cowl necklines and drop backs of the 1930s. Their designs hark back to an earlier, more glamorous era - but they also have a modern edge to them, and a minimalism that makes them easy to wear. Ben de Lisi, another British designer,



ABOVE: Sheer floral top, £247; chocolate brown satin-backed grepe bias-cut skirt, £364, Pearce Fionda at Selfridges, W1; Harrods, SW1 (0171-734 0123). Fake fur stole, £50, Gordana at Harrods, SW1; John

Lewis, branches nationwide (0171-708 2538). Rose and ribbon, haberdashery departments, selected major stores nationwide. Gold fine strap sandals, £125, Russell & Bromley, selected branches nationwide (0171-629 6903).

is principally known for his fluid styles. This year, as jewel colours replace black, he is using a lot of velvet. When you're tired of black but don't want to dispense with it altogether, you can do things with Rothko-esque printing — boxes within boxes, in plum and chartrense on black. It's fluid, graphic,

sharp, but dressy.
When you keep it clean and sharp, then that to me is a recipe for something that works. As soon as you start adding superfluous details you go wrong."
We have become conditioned to thinking of simplicity as minimalist

monochrome streaks. Now designers are redefining that. Clean lines and romanticism can gel. A straight shift dress might have roses rambling across chiffon. A lean silhouette becomes less austere when it's covered with beading or sequins.

But above all, we've said goodbye to the Lycra sausage skins that defined slinky dressing a few years ago. Some readers will be crying "Shame!"; after all, dresses built like surgical stockings had their uses when the flesh proved weak and the appetite strong. The new, more flowing shapes don't

perform the same function, though in many cases the fabrics still contain Lycra to create a soft elasticity. They are undoubtedly beautiful, but they demand beautiful bodies. Designers appear to have taken to heart Elsa Schiaparelli's advice — "Never fit the dress to the body, but train the body to fit the dress."

Since physical jerks are never a good preparation for the party season (they tend to depress the spirits), the best way to get ready for the new styles is to visit a lingerie department. Marks & Spencer now has knickers designed to suck in the waist, bottom or stomach. It requires physical strength to get into them, but once on, they perform

on't buy these vital foundations as an afterthought, however. If you want to stand a chance of shopping without tears, you're better off entering the changing room fully armoured in all

that support lingerie has to offer. Older women, suggests Ben de Lisi, should also beware empire lines and high necklines. "Low necklines frame the face and draw attention away from

the stomach or from bare arms." In general, pattern mixing and deep, bohemian colours are big in eveningwear as in day-wear. If you are dead set on a plain dress, then a devore scari from English Eccentrics, Georgia you Etzdorf or a chain store copy, will give the outfit added richness and texture. Fake fur boas are another good way to

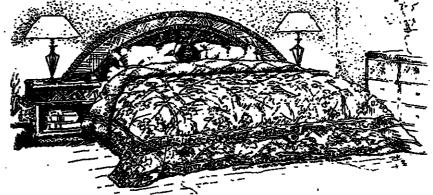
rate in poas are another good way to jazz up a rather conservative outlit.

The most chi-chi evening-wear shoes are "Mary-Janes", with a pointed, Charleston toe and a cross-bar. But they're only a good idea if you're tall, otherwise it's best to go for something moderately high in cold or black. I acres moderately high, in gold or black. Lacey tights also have a fattening effect and, while fashionable, are not exactly a

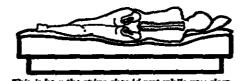
girl's best friend.
One final word of warning. The fashion industry has Lolita-fever this winter - tiny slip dresses, frilly hems, dodgy nuances. At the end of a long day's shopping desperation can play terrible tricks on the mind. But as you reach for that slither of pink, remember Diana Vreeland's airy assertion that, Elegance is refusal" and put it back. People might talk . . .

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replies to readers' letters

A dreadful rust is at-A dreading our rhododendrons, viburnums and a stewartia. It has killed one rhododendron and I have had to cut other plants hard back. We spray with fungi-cide and pesticide but it makes no difference. What

should we do? — Mrs M. Orlean. London SW6.

Rusts are specific to their hosts, so they would not attack this range of species. It is more likely to be a cultural problem or a disease in the ground. Plants dying out wholly or patchily may be a symptom of honey fungus. Root diseases can arise as a result of drought, waterlogging or even gas leaks. Your problem plants are all tough enough species. so I would cease spraying and look for a more basic problem underground.

The five-year-old grape Black Hamburgh in my greenhouse grows strongly but the bunches and individual grapes are always small. I have fed well and watered weekly but to no effect. I prune back to the main rod each year. -L. Farmer, London E4.

There are two things to check here: first that the flowers are being pollinated properly — and a little mechanical help may be of use here, in the warmth of midday. Secondly, how small is small? Mae West-sized grapes are produced only in English greenhouses (and not always then) by thinning the berries with grape scis-sors in June before they begin properly to swell. Try this and see the difference. Also make sure that watering is generous: weekly sounds a bit mean to me.

Q l have a Magnolia grandiflora which I bought with a short leader and four side branches. Three years later the leader has hardly increased in height but the side branches

are growing outwards hard and fast. What should I do to make a freestanding tree?

— Mrs J. Rich, Midhurst, West Sussex.

A Shock it. Amaze it. Replant it next March or April in a well-prepared hole with rich, open-textured soil. If you are on clay, especially alkaline clay, really go to town on the soil and give the plant a luxurious fresh start. As the new growth starts, pinch out the tips of the side branches and force the energy into the leader. But do not prune off the side branches: the plant can do with all the leaf it can get to build up its strength. This evergreen magnolia, with wonderfully perfumed flowers, is most at home in deep, alluvial soils and in a climate rather hotter than ours. In most of England it fares better against the heat of a wall than in the open. But see it in the Dordogne, freestanding like an evergeen oak and covered in flowers . . . ah!

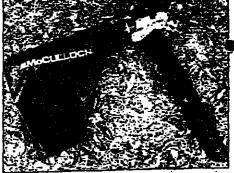
Where can I buy the poppy Constance Finnis? — B. Kettlety, Trowbridge. Wiltshire.

A This is a variety of the Icelandic poppy Papaver nudicaule, a short-lived perennial with good flowers for cutting. It seems to be almost the sole preserve of nurseries in the eastern counties. Try mail order from Monksilver Nursery. Oakington Road, Cottenham, Cambridgeshire CB4 4TW (six first-class stamps for a catalogue), or Hopleys Plants. High Street, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire SG10 6BU (catalogue £1.20).

 Readers should write to: Garden Answers. Weekend. The Times, 1 Pennington St. London El 9XN. We regret that it may not be possible to deal with every request. Advice is offered without legal responsibility. The Times also regrets that any enclosures cannot be returned.



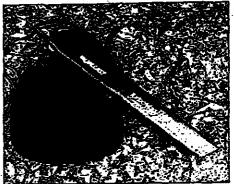
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Petrol-drive McCulloch Euromac V21, £200



Electric Black & Decker MasterVac, £100



# A sucker for the easy life

Abandoning the garden rake, JANE OWEN attempts the faster way of clearing autumn leaves with powered vacuuming and blowing machines

Then I started to test leaf suckers and blowers I tried the most powerful first. With one foot holding down an instruction manual, I shoved nozzles into tubes and on to engines. clipped on collection bags and shoulder straps, plugged in and switched on.

With the first machine, the Black & Decker MasterVac, it was like being caught on the outer edge of a bomb blast. The machine launched itself, and me. at the leafcovered lawn with breathtaking zeal and stuck there,

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its huge black nozzle sucking itself into the ground until I prised it away, fell back-wards and headed for the next heap of leaves, where the same thing happened. I repeated the exercise until the carrying bag was full and my back could take no more.

The leaves were collected instantly — even soggy lumps of leaves, large twigs and walnuts were gulped and minced for composting.

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But such awesome power has its drawbacks: leaves were sometimes forced out through the gap between the top of the bag and the engine. And the MasterVac could not work over gravel without ingesting the stones and putting the machine in danger of going into meltdown.

After a few false starts the blowing facility happily

made neat piles of leaves. The Black & Decker MasterVac weighs 7.1 kilos, has a 35-litre collection bag, a 1,500-watt engine, costs £100 and comes with rather a separate attachments for sucking and blowing, with a top windspeed of 180mph. The Flymo Gardenvac

Plus weighs 4.5 kilos, has a 30-litre collection bag, a long lead, a 750-watt engine which sucks and blows at speeds of up to 100mph, and costs £90. It comes with a comfortable carrying strap a 250-milli-litre leaf-composting bin and some Biotel leaf-composting solution. It took 15 minutes to assemble the bag, handle, strimmer attachment and

carrying strap.
When I put the machine on "jet vacuum" mode every

swirl of leaves I approached was dispersed in all directions. I managed to vacuum up about a third of the leaves until I discovered the straight vacuum mode which sucked leaves without blowing them about.

The jet vacuum mode is supposed to be for sodden lumps of leaves — the air jet blasts them out of position, then the sucking action re-

moves them. The strimming mechanism (the cutting line) inside the Flymo chops up the leaves for easier composting, but the irritation with this machine was the flurry of minced leaf which passed by my right thigh, twice, when the collection bag slipped out of its holding neck.

The Qualcast Turbo Vac 1100 has two speeds for blowing and two for vacuuming, with a top speed of 105mph. It costs £80, weighs 4.8 kilos, has a 50-litre bag, 12 metres of cable and a 1,100watt motor. It took two

minutes to assemble. Like the Flymo, it worked happily over gravel, sucking up the (dry) leaves while the stones were left behind. Although there is no strimming or mincing attachment, this made little difference to the weight of leaves collected.

Then I unclipped the collection bag from the machine — and had to spend ages raking out the leaves (the Flymo collection bag was better because it regurgitates all its leaves after a gentle

tipping action).
So far, all the machines I had tested were electric, with consequent snakes of lead running through windows and across the lawn - and needing an exte lead. So I was anxious to move on to the freedom of a petrol-driven machine --- and discovered that freedom has its price.

Assembling the McCulloch Blower/Vac Euromac V21 (£200) took about 30 minutes, though if you include time spent driving around trying to get the right fuel mix, it was more like one and a half hours. Several hundred pulls on

the cord starter achieved nothing. I phoned the technical advice number, where I got an instant and wellinformed response: 1 still

hadn't got the fuel mix right. When I did, blue smoke belched and I was away.

Yes, it hoovers up leaves. But the vibrations were excessive and the carrying posture - vast collection bag sticking out to the right while the vacuum had to be carried in front - hurt my back.

The collection bag design is the best of the lot. A zipper at the bottom of the bag immediately releases all the minced leaves. However, when I ploughed the collection nozzle into a pile of leaves, it seized up.

I rang the helpline again and the man confirmed that "blocking the nozzle can indeed cause the engine to

machine should be able to cope with great piles of leaves. I was aware, having read the instruction manual. that the machine should not be pushed right into a pile. But the slightest twitch in the carrying motion meant that the nozzle got clogged.

As for annoying the neighbours, all the machines were no noisier than a lawnmower, albeit a loud one in the case of the McCulloch.

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#### Tree house for pirates

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Those wanting more sober garden furniture can choose from benches (£39.50 for a three-seater) to a loft-high rose arbour for £35. For more information

about these products, call Rustic Smith on 01268 511551.

#### Boxing clever

DO YOU clear your windowbox of narcissi, hyacinth and tulip bulbs once the flowers have gone in late spring? Or, like me, do you allow the leaves to die off and keep many of the same bulbs going year after year because the leaves have time to build up the bulbs' strength?

Now there is a com-promise plant the bulbs or whatever in fabric containers called GroPay which can then be planted in any windowbox or tub. After flowering, the whole container can be lifted out and

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planted in a corner of the garden for the leaves to die back naturally, while the windowbox is replanted for summer colour. The planters, which can

also be used to contain invasive plants, such as mint, are available by mail order from Trade and DIY Products, The Pump House, Hazelwood Road, Duffield, Derby DE56 4DQ (01332 842685). Prices for a pack of five GroPax, including p&p, are: small (1-2 two litres) £4; medium (3-4 litres) £5; large (6-8 litres) £6.50.

been inundated with offers to help, including one from Mark Fisher, of Lymington, Hampshire, who has been solving such problems for 25

Highgrove.

Royal clean-up

MUDDIED royal waters should soon be cleared, thanks to Rosemary Verey's BBC2 series The English Country Garden, which recently featured the Prince of

Wales lamenting the murky pond water to be found at

As a result, Mrs Verey has

years. If all else fails, the PLANT OF THE MONTH

Alstroemeria psittacina last for several weeks when cut. The plant is a tuberous, hardy perennial which can be divided in spring and rarely needs staking. You can order one for £4, incl p&p. from the Paradise Centre, Lamarsh, near Bures, Suffolk CO8 5EX.

FIND OF THE MONTH

■ The Victorian dandelion weeder (£6.50 from English Gardenwares, 01243 543804) does as its name suggests very effectively: its long neck pushing. down to extract the taproot without snapping it. Similar tools with longer prongs, sometimes known as widgers, often leave the end of the taproot in the soil, where it thrives.

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# The popular art of bonfire making

THERE IS all the dif-ference in the world be-BY **STEPHEN ANDERTON** bonfire and a garden bonfire. Bonfire Night fires always seem to be built on

the wigwam principle, leaning everything in to the centre around Mr Fawkes's hot seat. And prayers for dry weather are as much for the spectators as the fire, which usually consists of worm-eaten old furniture, carpenters' off-cuts and fallen dead branches. Thanks to the usual cardboard boxes and petrol-soaked old mattress (less its stash of fivers, one hopes), the fire lights with a woomph, and everyone is happy. Even with the smoke.

Garden bonfires are another matter. They can moulder and smoulder, and the smoke makes enemies of neighbours, peppering their drying smalls

Some people use bonfires to get rid of the leaves, although real gardeners keep their leaves for mulching. But the "wood" (conifer prunings, hedge clippings, solid heaps of dug-up couch grass roots and, in my case, two recently felled leylandii) is always wet in November. So how do you get that lot to

burn? There are ways.

The first principle is not to attempt to start a bonlire after two weeks of rain. Instead, choose a day following a few days of wind, when your heap is as dry as it is likely to get. And choose a place where the wind can feed the fire; damp, enclosed corners of a garden are nolace for reluctant fires.

Whatever you do, do not site the bonfire where it could suddenly flare up and spread. And don't place the fire too close to trees and shrubs, especially evergreens: a smouldering fire over a few days can damage roots.

You may say, like me, that it is going to be a small fire which cannot possibly scorch that nearby holly or berberis. But once the flames start to lick, even without the inevitable change in the direction of the wind, the demon in every gardener takes control. We put larger and larger branches on the fire. its base broadens. The flames mesmerise and before you know it you have a modest inferno.

The site of a recent bonfire is a difficult place to grow things again for a couple of years, because the soil is denatured by the heat. So, when siting

the fire, choose a place that is unimportant, or where you can replace the top few inches of soil before re-seeding. But that's all later. We were talking

about getting the bonfire going.

First make a heap of scrumpled paper and wood or cardboard boxes, anything dry you can lay your hands on. And put on it as much dead, twiggy wood as you can find. Newly-cut twigs are not much help, however small, because they are still full of sap and need greater heat to

Resist the temptation to put on evergreen prunings, unless they are long dead. Holly and yew may spit and crackle most cheeringly on an established fire, and shower sparks to heaven, but on a fire that has yet to get against the following crickly has yet to get going the foliage quickly flares but the wood is slow to catch.

In the country, with fewer neigh bours, an old tyre stuffed with petrolsoaked paper is a great fire lighter, though if puts toxins into the ash as well as the air. An old gardener I used to

#### WEEKEND TIPS

🚅 Pots of Begonia sutherlandii and evansiana should be allowed to die down under glass. Save the bulblets from the stem joints to

produce extra plants next year. 🗷 If eel worm is a problem, lift tubers of Jerusalem artichokes and store in a dry, dark place. Or harvest fresh from the ground.

Remove leaves regularly from fine lawns and stack where they can rot down. (The addition of Biotal Compost Maker for Leaves speeds up the process.) Alternatively, spread the leaves under dense shrubberies where they cannot blow out again. Rotary mowers set high can be used to vacuum up and shred leaves. (See leaf collectors on facing page.)

Continue to mow lawns, if necessary, with a light machine set Collect all the chippings.

bridgeshire years ago always swore by laying the firewood all in the same direction, like sardines in a tin. One end should face the wind, he said, so it could blow oxygen right into the heart of the fire. I agree with that, especially in the early stages. It also saves you from that messy, blackened, nightmare tangle if you have to start again.

As soon as the fire is nicely going, get some heavier wood on; this is what gives you real heat in the base of the fire. Use clean, straight lengths without side branches, so that they settle down into the base of the fire as they burn. When the materials used for the bonfire snag and prop each other up and cannot settle into the ash, the fire gets hollow and less inclined to work.

ONCE THE FIRE is well under way, any old stumps and chunks of heavy wood should be got on quickly, leaning them into the centre of the fire to char away. Logs also go on like sardines.

Now is the time to put on conifer prunings. The hotter the fire, the less the pall of white smoke. If smoke is an issue, feed it gradually rather than in a smothering layer. Let it burn down for ten minutes and come back to put some more on if it is getting too high or smokey. The trouble with fires is that it's so good to stand there, mesmerised, putting on more and more wood. Just another... and perhaps another...

When the wood is all on (and not before) put on discarded roots and weedy material, to steam away from the heat within. If you put these on sooner you deaden the fire; it will refuse to flare up and will take more wood.

Turn in the fire with a rake as it dies down, and leave it to char. Don't be in a hurry to clear the ash. If you leave it in a heap, stumps and logs will go on charring away for days, and you can some-times dispose of further heaps of weeds

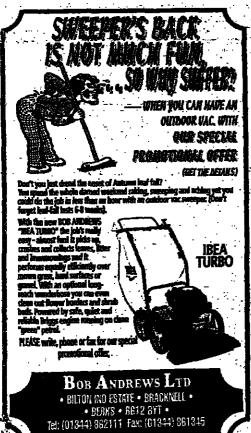
Bonfires are considered less ecologically acceptable today, and putting the shorn foliage of a leyland cypress through a shredder provides a useful mulch for borders. On the other hand, a modest fire is a great chance to lose all kinds of vegetable rubbish which could otherwise hang around for years. So let

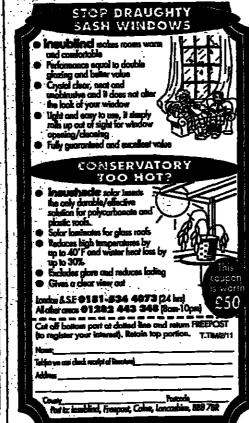


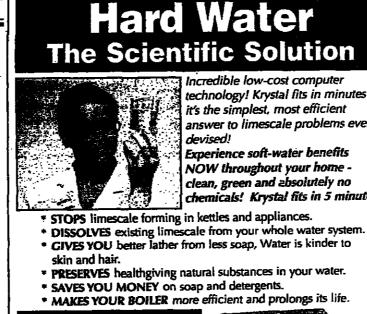
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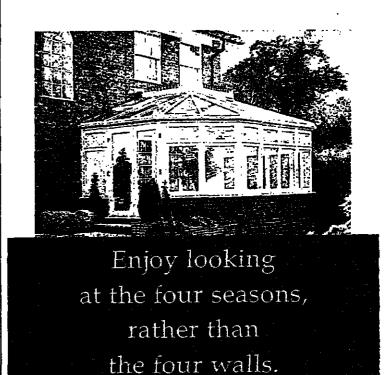


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#### FEATHER REPORT

ONE OF THE most mysterious birds of the British woods is the hawfinch. It is the largest of the finches, a top-heavy, parrot-like bird with a massive beak and a neck like a bull. It is mainly orange-brown in colour, but the male has a conspicuous blue nape, and in the summer a blue beak.

Though they are distinctly bigger than a bullfinch or a chaffinch, hawfinches are extremely hard to see. They move surreptitiously about in the tops of trees, and fly rapidly off, high in the sky, at the least alarm. You gen-erally need to hear their loud, clicking call in order to

That beak is the clue to their existence. They have four knobs inside it, two above and two below, and they can crack a cherry stone between them. They use the powerful muscles in their cheeks - which give them curiously plump-looking faces. When they have cracked the stones, they eat the kernels.

An experiment was carried out to see what weight pressing down from above was needed to crack a cherry stone: it was getting on for a hundred pounds. A hawfinch weighs two ounces!

One way of discovering that there are hawfinches around is to come across



The parrot-like hawfinch

cherry or a holly tree. They often come into cherry or-chards in the early morning when there is nobody about. and will also sometimes come down to the ground to feed on the pips in fallen apples and pears. On the ground they either waddle

awkwardly, or move for-ward with long, bold hops. But they are most often found in mixed beech and hornbeam woods. At this time of year the hornbeam seeds - which are much easier to eat — provide them with most of their food.

They are not really garden birds, but gardeners are sometimes unhappily alerted to their presence by finding a litter of empty pods beneath their precious peas. The hawfinches are adept at split-ting the pods; then they lick the peas out.

In midwinter they may come into gardens to feed on cotoneaster berries, just as the waxwings did last year.

INCIDENTALLY, the British Trust for Ornithology has just reported that more chaffinches and great tits will probably be seen on garden bird-tables this winter. Last year there was a remarkable harvest of beech nuts, all fat and creamy, and these two species, which especially favour beech nuts. were kept well supplied. This vear, the beech harvest is poor, and the birds will be looking elsewhere.

Another garden report from the BTO will lead to much rejoicing. The song thrush is back in its list of the 12 commonest garden birds — and it has taken the place of that popular villain, the

DERWENT MAY What's about: Birders look out for newly arrived Goldeneyes on lakes. Twitchers — dusky warbler. Holyhead. Radde's warbler, Lundy Island. Richard's pipit. Sheringham. Details from Birdline, 0891 700222. Calls

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f you want to discover whether your heart truly resides in the was plain that this was an extremely pleased dog. I opened the door. This is a stiff test that I had to where the blissful moment came to a bloody end. undergo earlier this week? Sitting eating breakfast, the early autumn sun blazing

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For in the dog's mouth was the leg of something that was once alive but was now very dead, putrid and stinking. I through the kitchen window. am no zoologist, so it took me bees making a hasty final forage before the frosts drive some moments before decidthem to their hives for wining from the shape of the ter, I thought this was hoof and the colour of the heaven until my blissful state remaining fur that this was the lower leg of a deer. was disturbed by a noise at Nothing unusual about that; we are surrounded by wood-lands in which herds of wild the door. It was the rhythmic banging of the dog's tail and, from the frequency of it, it

If the weasel, above, were an endangered species, a fund would be swiftly organised to save it. But if it appears in someone's back garden, it can be seen as a pest

deer live and die. As the deer from which this leg came had clearly been dead for some time, what could I say but "well done"?

What would your reaction have been? Mine was mild indifference, but other responses might include disgust with the dog, lear that wild animals were living so close, or delight that one's environment included such noble creatures. Try to determine your reaction, because that will betray precisely where you stand between town and country. It is where the values of the

town confront the traditions of the countryside that sparks fly. This has seldom been better demonstrated than by a debate taking place in Trimley St Mary on the outskirts of Ipswich. On the face of it, it must have seemed an admirable plan to plant an area between a housing estate and a busy dual carriageway with bulbs. trees, wild flowers and grasses. Surprising then that

**JILL PARKIN** discovers

buildings sprouting on

the Sussex Downs

are going up now, near the market hall and the school. Soon, if the builders get

a lottery grant, there will be a £1.2 mil-

Downland Open Air Museum at

Singleton in West Sussex which has

been putting up buildings here for nearly 30 years. The semis are late 19th century. The market hall was built in about 1600, the school circa 1700. All

were brought here from their original

sites in Sussex and neighbouring coun-

ties to be reconstructed — and the result is 50 acres of green downland dotted with thatch, beams and weather-

This is vernacular architecture: build-ings in which ordinary people lived and worked. A flint and brick house has

had half the floor and ceiling taken

away to show how the original medieval building was altered in the 17th century. Elsewhere there are bits of wall paint-

ing, and wattle without its daub.
"We wanted to illustrate the relation-

ship between traditional buildings, their locality and its materials. Mr Zeuner says. That led us to the crafts

involved and the management of the

countryside." It also led them to B&Q,

where no doubt some of the museum's

visitors have bought shelving, paint or

in summer — barbecue charcoal.
 That earth-covered steaming kiln on the

hillside is the charcoal burners' camp, which supplies B&Q with one of its

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ny developer would go misty-eyed: a few dozen choice build-

the vice-chairman of the parish council should express reservations, and imply that having what would effectively be a meadow at the bottom of the garden was an unattractive idea to many of his villagers.

Is this not the great rural dream: to have sight of wildflower meadows and wildlife habitats from your own back door? Yet the dwellers on the estate which would adjoin this haven have expressed their "fears". My local news-paper reports Mr Little, the vice-chairman, as saying: "People aiready find mice in their homes ... these wild areas will simply encourage more vermin: rabbits will feed in these areas and they will be followed by weasels. stoats and then rats." He is not wrong, except possibly about the rats, which prefer less salubrious surroundings to meadows - but where is the harm? And could any

minor irritation ever out-

weigh the greater good a

"green" space could provide?

When it comes to country living, the number of people who want to live it as it really is are fewer than might be imagined. It is quite possible that buying a tea-towel with a robin on it is as close as many people actually want to get to the real thing.

They will hand the hat round to Save the Stoat, as

long as no stoats dare trespass into the confines of their gardens; they will wave flags for the weasel, but let it creep under their fence and it can go to hell. I can write words so eloquent in support of the endangered field or harvest mouse that a whip-round would net thousands of pounds, but if those cheeky. whiskers dare point in the direction of someone's fitted kitchen, Rentokil will be called in.

ountry living is becoming a kind of virtual reality. You can see it happen-ing every Friday night in those dormitory villages populated only at weekends. The residents arrive harassed, don the rose-tinted goggles, plug in and ooh and aah their way through the weekend, and then they are gone. Many might as well have stayed where they were, pasted pictures of rolling landscapes over their windows, bought a CD of cooing pigeons and a scented air

Do you pass the wildlife test? freshener, and saved on the

petroi. You may think I am being harsh and indeed it would be unfair to tar all visitors with the same brush. So try this test. You are having breakfast, and the dog brings in the dead leg of a deer. What is your reaction?

If you start a campaign to ban dogs from woodlands, start a fund to raise money to support the orphaned offspring, or ring the environ-mental health officer, then stick to the virtual goggles.

If you wonder where that

herd of deer might be, how they look, live and behave. come in and receive a cautious welcome. But if the first thought that crossed your mind when you saw the dog with its bloody bone was, "Great! I shall not have to feed that dog tonight", then get down here as fast as you can. The country needs you.

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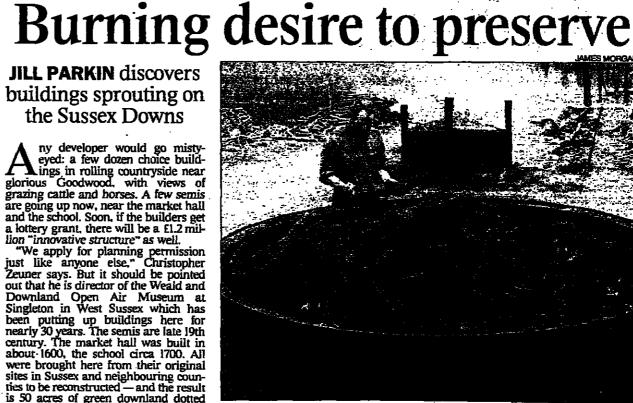
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The buildings have all been rescued from destruction in their original settings. When Euro-tunnel wanted its Folkestone terminus police station on the site of the mainly 7th-century Longport Farmhouse, planning permission was conditional on its reconstruction elsewhere. So now the museum has a new, rather old

reception centre. It receives 150,000 visitors a year. "Some people set museums as a way of holding on to the past. But life would be poor if that wer all we did here," Mr Zeuner says.

Which brings us to that "innovati structure". Most of the reconstructions on in the pearly village.

work goes on in the nearby village Charlion. Craftsmen analyse pai. restore woodwork and make sure bricks go back in the right order. Now the museum wants to build an on-site conservation centre - from traditional materials, naturally - so visitors canto watch them at work.

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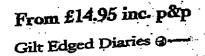
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e had a prob-lem. In fact we had a sevenbedroom, onebathroom problem. There was dry rot treatment, floor sanding and resurfacing. replumbing, rewiring and redecorating to be done be-fore we had our four-bedroom, two-bathroom, twostudy house in shape. Moreover, unless this was all done in six weeks, when the rental term on our flat expired, we would have nowhere to live. Like hanging. the prospect of homelessness concentrates the mind.

We had arrived back from Hong Kong having sold our north London house. We rented a flat in Kent and stored our possessions. Within days we had found a house we wanted just outside London, but it needed a lot of work. We employed a structural engineer and organised the work to be done around his report. We had an approximate figure in our minds and all we needed were builders to quote a price with specific costs against the specifications we had set.

Only one of the three builders we briefed gave us a

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#### works, says KERRYN BROOKER

written quotation, incomplete and produced at the 11th hour. More worry-ing was the £60.000 estimate: almost twice as much as we could afford. We had only one option — employ each trade directly and bypass the builder - and a

week to do it in. If by this stage you cannot bear to hear another tale of building woes, be reassured: this story has a happy ending. It probably meant a few more grey hairs when I became a temporary "clerk of works" but the quotes were gathered, the plumbers, electricians, plasterer and decorators, rot treatment company, carpenter, tiler. floor restorers, sand blasters. chimney sweep, glazier and gardener were employed, our limited time-frame was respected and in six weeks we moved in. This is what we learnt along the way.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

These formed the basis of the work. Apart from the technical, structural specifications concerning the fabric of the house, which were provided by the structural engineer's report, we made a wish list".

The first consideration was room usage because, no matter who is hired to do the work. only you know how you want the rooms to function finally. We asked ourselves a lot of questions: who would have which bedroom? Would both bathrooms have baths, or should we have two showers and one deep bath for soaking? Where should the radiators and lights go? How often would we have guests staying? Where would items of furniture ~ and hence lamps, clocks and radios, and hence powerpoints — be best positioned? Where would we be reading and working?



The existing kitchen and laundry layout would re-main for the time being, we decided. But what if we wanted to move appliances in future? It would be more cost-efficient to allow for changes by extending pipes and cables while the floors were up and walls and ceilings were being drilled. If the loft could later be converted, should the power be

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the Yellow Pages, local papers and from personal recommendations.

Our list of specifications was presented to builders and tradesmen alike. It was a list of room headings specifying the desired locations of power points, lights. radiators, basins, lavatories, showers and baths as we envisaged them. Some of our initial specifications were changed to conform with building regulations, but by the time all quotes were assembled — three for most trades - we were comparing

like with like. In addition to the specifications, we mapped out a plan for the sequence of trades. If this seems daunting, do not worry: each trade will tell site. By the time the quotes are sorted out, the flow chart of trades will be obvious.

#### SELECTION

We assessed the quotes on cost, competence and ability to complete on time. Quotes were to include an itemised list of costs, including materials, with no prime costs (PCs, as they are known in the trade, are estimates which invariably grow).

For the rewiring and replumbing, we considered both individuals and companies but chose the latter as they could deploy more labour. We also chose from plumbers, electricians and dry rot companies who belonged to industry associ-ations. This can be important, as there are guarantees and industry standards backing their work which gives the consumer

some redress if anything is men hold accounts with done badly.
These memberships partly

address the problem of assessing competence, the other means being personal recommendations and the taking of references from previous clients. Tradespeople who are pleased with their work and reputations will have no objection to this. Competence and the attitude of tradesmen can also be assessed during quotation inspections.

For example, doubt had been raised about drainage and we were asked whether we had a map of the drainage system. The answer was no - and neither had the local council. We were about to take further action to Andy with the pictures on his arms" as my daughter referred to the plumber we finally employed. "Why do you need a drainage map," he asked, "when you have two drainage covers in the back garden? While Andy lifted the drain covers, we flushed the existing loos and ran the kitchen tap — and the mystery of the direction of drainage flow was solved. My experience is that when an overwhelming number of problems are found and not solved by the end of inspection, it is usually a sign that

DEPOSIT

may be difficult.

the tradesman in question

We paid no deposit to any of the tradesmen. The earliest part-payment was made after two days of work. Why no up-front payments? Because most good tradessuppliers which have to be settled by the month end. If they are not well-established enough, there may be a question of competence. And if they have lost their trade accounts, the question must be asked: why? If they cannot manage their finances, how can they manage a budget -which is, after all, what a specified quote is?

#### ON SITE

Becoming a temporary clerk of works meant being on site for a good part of every day. This meant that any query could be resolved almost

With technical problems, admitting that I didn't explanation and a solution. Another advantage of this was that when the work was finally completed, you knew the house like the back of your hand.

One of the biggest pluses from sub-contracting ourselves was that it sped up the whole process of renovation - especially since the electrician and plumbers were working alongside each other, so among other benefits the floorboards had only to be taken up once.

The other area in which we saved time and money was the decorating "donkeywork". There are few building areas in which I have any competence but I can wield a wallpaper stripper, a paint scraper and a paint-stripping gun, and hack off tiles. We had the plasterer and painter to do all the skilled work such as replastering, decorating original cornicing, painting halls and ceilings and hanging wallpaper. The bedrooms, bathrooms and stair-rails we painted room by room.

If there was an area of error in the whole project, it was the carpentry. All the work, largely repairs, had been specified with the exception of the work to be done after the pipes and wires had been removed. Most of this work was done not by the carpenter but by his skilled assis-tant. The problem arose when the same daily rates were submitted for both men. The rule of thumb is that an apprentice or assistant is paid between 50 and 75 per cent of the skilled tradesman's wage. The lesson in this is to ensure that everything is agreed at the

This aside, I am now sitting in a four-bedroom. two-study, two-bathroom house. The painting is done, the curtains up, we had a roof over our heads within our time-frame and we exceeded budget by just 5 per cent. Was it worth the pain? Unreservediy, yes.

 Useful trade organisations and registrations to look for: Electricians: the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting (NICEIC), 0171-582 7746. Plumbers: the Institute of Plumbers, 01708 472791. Central heating: the Council for Registered Gas Installers (CORGI), 01256 707060. Rot treatment the British

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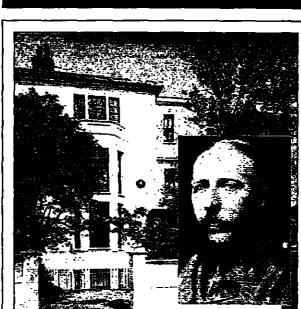
#### **Political** history -

MAXWELL Garnett, a former Secretary-General of the League of Nations and grandfather of Virginia Bottomley, once lived at 21 Well Walk, Hampstead, north London, which is now for sale. Built in 1882 by Henry Legge, the house sheltered many politicians during the Blitz and was home to Hugh Gaitskell between 1946 and 1947. The freehold is being sold with vacant possession of three floors, the remainder being split to form flats, with a separate entrance. Offers of about £975.000 (Hamptons International, 0171-794 8222).

■ NEW houses are still selling better than secondhand property, according to the latest figures from Hamptons International. For instance, the average price across England and Wales in the second quarter of 1996 for a new terraced house was £65,184, up by 13.6 per cent on the same period last year. The price of an old terracal house increased by 1.5 per cent to £51,639.

■ DRUMTOCHTY Castle in Kincardineshire, Scotland, is on the market. The early 19th-century neo-Gothic castle set in 67 acres was built by James Gillespie Graham. The annual High-land Games take place in the parkland below the castle. Offers in excess of £600,000 (Knight Frank, 0131-225 8171).

#### **PROPERTY** NEWS



South Lodge and (inset) author Ford Madox Ford

## Literary lodge

SOUTH Lodge in Kensington, former meeting-place of The English Review literary circle is on the market for £1.3 million after being marketed discreetly at £1.5 million for the past year. Amanda Loose writes.

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18th-century house was home to Violet Hunt and

her paying guest Ford Madox Ford, editor of The English Review. The two attracted literary luminaries of the day including Henry James, Arnold Bennett, H.G. Wells and Joseph Conrad, with whom Ford Madox Ford collaborated

#### Capital comparison

FOR THOSE looking to rent in central London, new fig-ures from Knight Frank show average rents per week for one, two, three and fourbedroom properties in Chelsea. Kensington. Hamp-stead, Wapping and the Isle of Dogs. Average prices start at £166 per week for a onebedroom flat in the Isle of Dogs, compared with £354 in Chelsea. A four-bedroom house in Wapping costs £500 per week, compared with £854 in Hampstead.

■ SPLITTING the family home was taken literally by the owners of a Georgian manor house between the wars. Little Manor at Hasketon, near Woodbridge in Suffolk, on the market for £475,000, consists of the top two storeys of a nearby manor house which were rebuilt on a raised 3.5 acre site, for reasons now obscure (Strutt & Parker, 01473

THE TIME taken to sell houses is speeding up, according to a report from ISVA, the society for valuers and auctioneers. In the UK, the average time taken between the instruction to sell and the confirmation of sale has fallen from 12 weeks in the second quarter to 11.2 weeks. In the North, however, sales take an average of 22 weeks, compared with 4.3 weeks in the South East.

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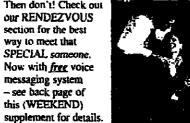
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The house was built in 1560 by

the House was built in 1560 by the Usbornes, wealthy merchants and bankers, and it stayed in the family until the 19th century. A history of the village of Staplehurst refers to Loddendon as "one of the most noteworthy timberframed houses in the Weald", but when Mark and Alexandra Hoyle bought the Grade II\* listed building two years ago, it had been empty for two years and was in a sorry state, complete with polystyrene false ceilings and a distressing 1970s kitchen with mushroom stools.

Mr Hoyle, a former commodities broker, set about the task of restoration with the determination you might expect from someone who has retired at the age of 36. An army of workmen descended on the house, rewiring replumbing, carving, plastering and forging new bits and pieces to match the old ones. The attention to detail is astonishing.

o what do you get for your fl.3 million? Well, quite a lot, including nine acres, a swimming pool, a croquet lawn, a ghost and your own slice of history. The approach, through splendid wrought-iron gates (also isted and opened by remote control) is along a gravel drive flanked by duckponds. The house is topped by a white bell-tower.

The kitchen deserves a feature on its own. There are Tudor-style oak units with scratch carving by Turners of Lenham, granite work-surfaces and a Godin stove with four ovens. All the appliances, including an icemaker in the utility room, are included in the asking price, and much of the £75,000 cost of the kitchen has been spent in hiding everything modern. This includes replacing beneath stone tiles. There is even another kitchen "for back-up when entertaining". Of course.



#### HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Loddendon Manor, Staplehurst, Kent ● Price: £1.3 million ● Setting: rural but only eight miles from M20 to London and Channel ports ● Shopping: Tenderden, 12 miles away, has a good Waitrose, secondhand bookshops and furniture auctions



Loddendon Manor (top) has been restored with no expense spared. Inglenook fireplaces (left) feature prominently, while the kitchen (right) has granite work-surfaces, oak units and a giant stove

Someone once told me that the closer the timbers in a timberframed house, the richer the person it was built for. This house is positively deckchair-striped. It he oak front door, carved in a portcullis style, opens into the former Great Hall, now the main sitting room, where a log fire glows in the inglenook fireplace. On the day we visited, flowers and new-baby cards for the couple's two-week-old daughter sar on the sideboard and cocka-

tiels twittered in an antique cage.

The carpets are all in subdued ice-cream shades, and each room leads subtly into the next with nothing to offend the eye. Mr Hoyle's collection of antique English furniture is bobbin-carved, linenfold-panelled and ivory-inlaid to within an inch of its life but unfortunately not for sale.

The dining room is delightful with its sloping floor, Mrs Hoyle's collection of blue-and-white china and a view of squirrels scampering into the branches of ancient trees.

The layout of the house is confusing at first. Mr Hoyle led me into a library, a morning room, a snooker room, a snug with another inglenook and a Gothic-style cloakroom, although not necessarily in that order. Under the stairs was a very large

storage area.

A great shaggy head appeared over the half-door into the utility room — one of the Hoyles's four dogs. They have their own built-in wooden dog bed (included in the asking price) and with 18 acres

in which to chase squirrels, they must be in dog heaven.

Upstairs are not bedrooms but a warren of "suites", each with its own bathroom and dressing-room or sitting room, sometimes both. There are doors opening on to hidden staircases, bedrooms tucked in the eaves and, even higher in the rafters, a massive room ideal for accommodating noisy teenagers.

The 20th century has hardly made its mark on the grounds. The satellite dish (for picking up the Tokyo markets) is tucked neatly behind a box hedge and an original half-timbered barn constitutes the garage. There is a wonderful Venetian-canal folly

that some romantic Usbornes put

in after their wedding tour of Italy

in the 18th century.

Out of sight of the house are the swimming pool and a modern poolhouse equipped with another snooker table, a bar and chang-

ing rooms.
The grounds are kept in tip-top condition singlehandedly by Mr

Hoyle, although should help be needed there is always a twobedroom staff cottage.

It is hard to imagine why, after all this restoration, money and effort, the Hoyles should want to leave Loddendon Manor. "I'm bored," Mr Hoyle says. "I want to start another project."

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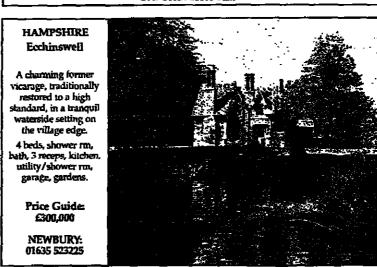
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housebreakers may be able to pick locks, says **CLARE STEWART.** But can they get past the sensors?

ands up if you have ever ignored a ringing burglar alarm. Be honest And how many times have you rushed to. alert the police? Probably not often - unless the alarm is bawling out at 4am from the house next door, of course.

On the basis of this not uncommon response, and the statistics published this week showing that the police clear up less than a quarter of burglaries, you might be forgiven for avoiding the issue of home security. Yet, more homeowners are now fitting alarms to their properties. Between 1987 and 1995, the number of devices installed more than doubled, and around 20 per cent of British homes are now wired up to deter intruders.

This growth in the home security market is probably due to largely to the overall rise in crime. figures during the past few years. In the year to June there were more than 1.2 million burglaries in England and Wales, with a turther 74,000 in Scotland - food for thought if your house has insecure windows or a dodgy lock on the back door.

In response to the number of burglaries and to insurance companies' demands, preventative measures such as window locks, door chains and outside lighting

have become more common.

It is difficult to quantify how. effective all or some of these. If you larget to set your alarm periods. Insurers will insist that which might accidentally trigger measures may be. According to before nipping to the shops and alarm systems are installed and an alarm. There is usually no

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attempted break-ins to houses fitted with three or more security measures fail.

Such statistics are, as the survey admits, not absolutely conclusive. But they at least suggest that improving your home security really works.

"Alarms are an effective deterrent because many burglars are opportunistic and looking for a quick reward. They like soft targets, says Chris Swan, a spokesman for Chubb Security.

Having an alarm as well as other security measures can also save you money, as some in-surance companies offer discounts on premiums according to the level of security you have. Combill Insurance, for example, offers discounts of 5 per cent if the house has adequate window locks and mortice deadlocks, while a 10 per cent discount applies if an alarm is fitted by an approved installer and there is a maintenance contract.

But insurers are unlikely to bother with such discounts if you live in a high-risk area, have been burgled frequently or have a house stuffed full of valuable antiques. In such circumstances they may well demand a minimum level of security, including an alarm, before taking on the

It is important to read the small print on insurance discounts, as they are not always worth having.



The trauma of finding your home ransacked, as depicted in the 1958 film Passionate Summer. An alarm system will deter opportunist thieves, if not the professionals

well charge you an excess fee of several hundred pounds when you put in your claim.

As with most things, you get what you pay for when it comes to installing an alarm. A fake box on the front of the house may fool some burglars some of the time, but professionals will know the difference. It is possible to buy a complete

alarm kit at DIY stores for less than £200. But such a kit, although effective up to a point, is unlikely to impress insurance companies if you have particu-larly valuable house contents or leave the house empty for long periods. Insurers will insist that

Council for Security Systems (NACOS).

NACOS (01628 37512) is the security industry's regulatory body, with more than 700 registered installers. It can provide a free list of the firms which it recognises - a useful way to find the genuine security experts in your area.

A reputable company is unlikely to give you a quote over the phone. Most will send a surveyor to your house to design a tailormade security system that takes into account factors such as access to the house, the layout of rooms and any pets you have

bungalow, you can expect to pay at least £600 plus VAT for what is called a bells-only system. Typically this would include a bell on the front of the house, movement detectors in the main rooms, a door contact on the front and back doors and a dummy box at the back of the house.

The next step up is a system linked to a monitoring centre. Home alarms are no longer directly connected to the local police station: instead the alarm sends a message to the monitor-ing centre which then alerts the local police.

The cheaper form of link to a figures from the 1996 British return to find that your house has maintained by a company ap-charge for this quotation. centre is through a digital Crime Survey, more than half the been broken into, the insurer may proved by the National Approval For a small terraced house or communicator which uses your

home phone line. On top of an installation fee, this is likely to cost at least £200 a year including monitoring charges. Some alarm systems may also require a separate phone line to be installed. The disadvantage of this form of system is that the link-up to the monitoring station will not work if the line is out of order, or is cut before the alarm is

triggered.
To overcome this, a more sophisticated signalling system is offered through British Telecom called Telecom Red or Redcare. This is a continuous signalling system that also uses the home phone line but which will prompt an intruder alert even if the fire detection. Regular servicing telephone line is cut.

false alarms, it is worth investing in sophisticated sensors that can detect both heat and movement and which can also be set to ignore a passing cat or dog.

The police will not respond to alarms from houses where there have been frequent false alerts. And if an alarm goes off at a time when their resources are particularly stretched, they may not give the alert top priority unless it is confirmed by a further signal from the house, or perhaps a neighbour's phone call.

Most modern systems can be upgraded to expand the area covered or to add additional functions such as panic buttons or of all systems is essential to To reduce the possibility of ensure their efficient operation.

For those who buy to rent, market conditions have rarely been better

## As happy as a landlord

s the revival of the residential property market gathers pace, many people are buying homes to let as an investment. Cheap loans and high rents are the incentives.

In the past, small investors were put off by expensive commercial mortgage interest rates charged by banks and building societies which were not keen to lend to people wanting to become landlords.

Now all that has changed. A Buy to Let Scheme has been launched by the Association of Relocated Agents and mortgage lenders including the Halifax, Homes Direct, Lloyds/TSB and the Woolwich, aimed at encouraging people to buy homes to let.

The new scheme scraps loaded commercial interest rates and allows investors to borrow on the same terms as owner-occupiers. Mortgages with rates of below 7 per cent are available for up to 80 per cent of property value. Lenders will take rental income into account when working out how much can be borrowed. It will also be possible to take out multiple mortgages on several homes, which means you could

build up a small portfolio.

Landlords will be able to offset mortgage interest against tax on rental income. Other expenses can also be offset against tax, including mainte-nance, gas and electricity, repairs, insurance and management charges.

The new assured shorthold tenancy has given landlords confidence that tenants will leave the property when they are meant to. Rent controls have been abolished and investors are free to charge market prices. There is also scope for long-term capital growth. This has led to more investors buying property to let and an increased supply of rented accommodation, but the number of people looking for homes is still great.

The stock of good-quality rental properties is running low, particularly in central London where rents are high - which is why Paul Olins decided to buy two small flats in the West End for renting out to provide an income.

Mr Olins, a company director, invested £90,000 of his own money in a one-bedroom flat on the second floor of a newly renovated Georgian building in Warren Street, and a similar amount in another small flat in a converted Victorian building in Wells Street, WI. The Warren Street flat is let on a twoyear contract to a Swiss banker at £950 a month — a rental yield of 13.2 per cent The Wells Street flat is on a 12-month contract to a building society surveyor at £866 a month — a rental yield of 11.5 per cent. Both properties were bought and let through Winkworths.

Mr Olins decided to invest in prop-



Income opportunity: Paul Olins

bottom. "Interest rates were low and with so much pent-up demand, values had to rise," he says. "With high rents in many areas,

buying to let seemed the obvious thing to do. The location is good, which makes them less likely to be affected by a downturn in the market. If you go for quality, you have a better chance of getting a good tenant."

ut if demand for flats in central B London remains high, there has been a move away from the centre in the past 12 months, with many young professionals looking to rent

homes in less expensive districts. Pimlico, Clapham, North Kensington, Shepherd's Bush, Streatham and Docklands, where property values are lower, are among the areas now more popular among tenants aged 25-35, and rental yields are rising. For example, a two-bedroom flat in Earls Court costing around £130,000, with a rental value of £320 a week, achieves a gross rental yield of 10 per cent — higher than the 8 per cent achieved in nearby South Kensington, where property prices are more expensive.

In Streatham, investors are mopping up cheap, unmodernised flats, refur-bishing them and letting them for an extended period. A shabby three-bedroom flat in a purpose-built block, erty last summer when prices hit rock recently sold for £31,500, grosses an

income of £650 a month with three sharers, says Winkworth.

Outside London, investors are cashing in on the demand for student accommodation in university towns and cities such as Oxford, Bristol and Exeter. In Exeter you can buy a house to accommodate five students for £47,000. which can be let for a combined rent of £212 a week for 42 weeks — a rental

yield of 18.9 per cent — according to West Country agents Fulfords.

But would-be landlords must not allow the prospect of high rental returns to cloud their judgment. The 1996 Housing Act, which comes into force per trees allows landlords to represent next year, allows landlords to repossess their property after a minimum of six months. Under current legislation, however, landlords must be careful to issue the proper "Section 20" notice at the beginning of the tenancy or they risk

being lumbered with a sitting tenant. It is important to use a reputable letting agent. Members of the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA) are bonded, hold professional indemnity insurance, have been in business for at least two years and are kept up to date with the latest legal and regulatory requirements.

Most agents charge 10 to 12 per cent of the rent to find a tenant, take up references, hold deposits, serve notices and agreements. A full management service, which also includes collecting the rent and arranging for repairs, costs between 15 and 17 per cent.

If you do not use a letting agent, ask your prospective tenant for a reference from their last landlord and an employ-er's reference confirming their place of work - and follow them through.

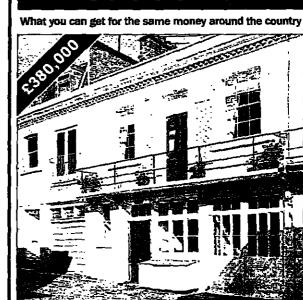
You must get your sums right. Will the rent cover borrowings and costs, including letting and management fees. service charges and upkeep, after allowing for empty periods between lettings? Remember that mortgage rates could more than double, while fixedrate loans only remain "fixed" for a few years. You may also need to budget for refurbishment and furnishing.

If you furnish your property with second-hand furniture or cast-off soft furnishings, you risk contravening the Fire and Furnishings regulations, which could result in a hefty fine or imprisonment. Furniture made since 1990 should carry a label saying it is fire-resistant. Antiques and pre-1950s furniture do not come under this ban.

In addition to the normal buildings and contents cover, you can insure against loss, damage, disappearing tenants and any legal costs involved in moving on tenants who do not pay their rent or do not leave when they are meant to - but premiums are high.

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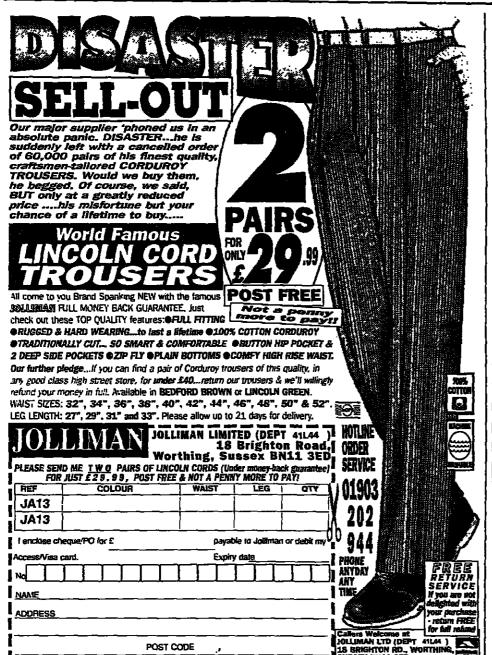
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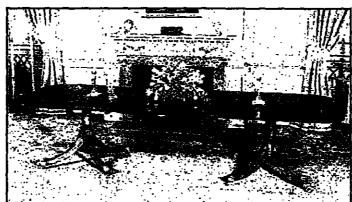
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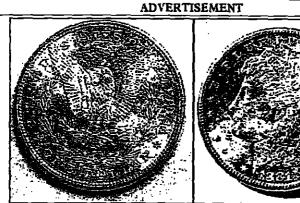
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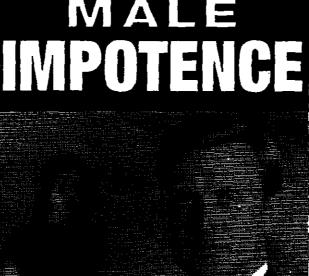
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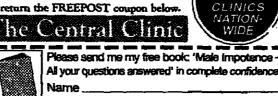




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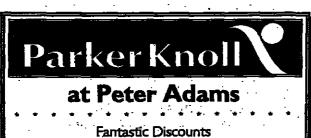
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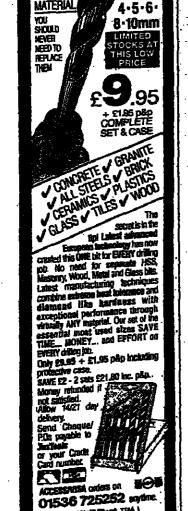
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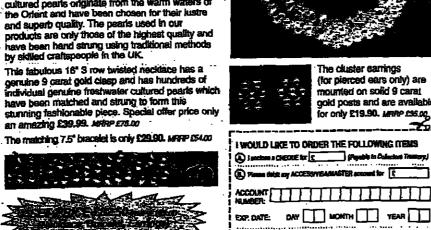
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There was little we could do to cure distemper. Twenty-five per cent of dogs recov-ered because they had an unusually efficient immune system. We had no drugs which would kill the distemper virus. There was an antiserum which was expensive and only marginally effective. Treatment dealt with some of the complications and made the dog feel happier, but what-ever was done, the end result was a matter of chance. Lucky dogs re-covered and became immune to distemper. Others survived with a muscular twitch called chorea. or St Vitus's Dance. And 60 per cent died or were destroyed because they had fits or paralysed back legs.

Distemper lasts a long time. The first signs are vague. The dog is quiet, has a bit of a cough, blinks a lot, especially in bright light. He's subdued. but doesn't appear seri-ously ill. A few days later he's better. Then "it" starts again.

NOW THERE is the cough, runny eyes and nose, perhaps diarrhoea: secondary infections take advantage of the weakening effect of

the distemper virus.
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things look hopeful.
His eyes and nose are
clearing and he's looking for food. A happy
ending? Not always.
This is the heartbreak about distemper. Brain or nerve damage, caused by the virus shows itself only after

many weeks of illness. Then there's little hope. Vaccines have improved greatly. Now routine immunisation includes parvovirus. leptospirosis (a bacteri-al infection of the liver and kidneys), infectious hepatitis (another virus) as well as distemper and its variant. hard pad.

Vaccination is almost 100 per cent effective. Dogs need to be vaccinated as puppies. and have regular boosters to "top up" their immunity.

JAMES ALLCOCK

## Auf wiedersehen, pet

People want to pray for a deceased animal, says JILL PARKIN

he deceased had a heart attack at 25. The grieving family had a memorial service in church. We heard how the loved one had enjoyed family Sunday lunches and watching television. Quite normal, except that he was a pet monkey.

Last week's story of the Durham curate and Bill the capuchin monkey made the front pages because Bill had a church send-off, just like a human being. Although, as his earthly remains were not actually in the church, it was not technically a funeral.

Saving goodbye to your pet with benefit of clergy may be rare but it is becoming more popular. You can bury your goldfish in your windowbox. you can watch the daisies come up over Shep in your garden, you can even have your cat's casket on the mantelpiece. But is it enough?
If it is not, see your priest.

He may offer more than condolences. "I can't imagine I would ever do a church funeral service for a pet." says the Rev Paul Dunn, of St Martin's Church at Wimbledon, southwest London, "but I have joined owners in prayer at a pet's burial.

"If people involved in the church are spiritually cut-up about something, they turn to their priest. It can help them part with something which was precious to them, was given by God, and was part of their spirituality. In part it serves the same purpose as a funeral service for a person. Only in part, because we have souls and animals do not."

ut, he adds: "Everything created by God has a purpose, and I can't see why it should offend to say a few prayers to help someone come to terms with the gap left in their lives by the death of an "What you call the service

isn't really important." At his first parish. Mr Dunn led a garden burial service for a dog: a poem was read and prayers were said. Later he held a playground burial with prayers for a little girl's pet insect, which lay in a matchbox coffin. "She felt much happier afterwards." he says.

The Rev Nick Evans works near Aldershot. Hampshire. and is the head of religious education at Guildford County School. He had a pet only briefly - a stray cat he kept for less than a year as a child but he, too, will bury a goldfish with God. "Thanking God for the goldfish helps the child with her grief," he says. Some people are closer to animals than people. Now, I don't know what happens to Bonzo when he dies, but God



After last week's "funeral" service for a monkey, the vexed issue of pet burials and church services has been revived

made Bonzo, and when we thank Him for that, we're not humanising the dog but thanking God for the dog's

"Children learn gentleness and affection from their animals. A service to help with their grief can also help them move on to use what that animal taught them to care for people. But a church funeral service would be totally in-

appropriate. Both Mr Evans and Mr Dunn are ministers in the Church of England, which says it does not do pet funerals. But a C of E spokesman said animals could be buried with their owners in consecrated ground. The Roman Catholic Church takes the same line. How far you go when your

pet dies partly depends on how far you think the pet has gone

- Heaven, or no further than

Bocking, the acting chairman of the Catholic Study Circle for Animal Welfare, says: "Heaven would be a boring place with just homo sapiens and angels. It is arrogant speciesism' to refuse to do burial services for pets. Our cats - we once had 35, though we're down to five now - were all buried in the garden and we said prayers to the Lord to receive them into one of his many mansions. Animals go

his last cough. Mervyn

to paradise because they are innocent." Dr Julian Jacobs, the spokesman for the Chief Rabbì, says: "I can't say we would approve of funeral services for pets. Every creature is the work of the Creator but God has made a distinction between man and animals. It would be nonsense to put them

on a par in death."

The spokesman for the Imams and Mosques Council laughed at the idea. "Islam respects animals, but funeral services of any sort would be going too far," he said. "What next? Weddings for chickens?"

or some who love their pets more than anything else, there is no such thing as going too far. Normally if your dog is put down by a vet, the body will be collected for cremation at the local knackers' yard and the vet will charge you about £40.45 for cremation, plus £35.40 if you want the ashes back. But there

are other ways. Pet Funeral Services, of Uckfield, West Sussex, sells coffins by mail order - £24.50 for a hamster size, E78 for large dog size. The coffins come with name plates, brass

handles and a padded lining in pastel satin. At Amberley, a pets' ceme tery in Chichester, owners are left with their dead pet in the chapel of rest for ten to 15

minutes to pay their respects over the coffin (open or closed. according to choice). There is a Bible to hand. Dogs and cats are the commonest loved ones at Amberley (motto: "Loved in Life; Remembered with Dignity").

but earlier this year a 15 stone, pot-bellied pig was buried A coffin and plot of land at Amberley for a golden labra-dor costs about £430. In addition, owners may pay up to

£850 for a headstone. Cremation comes cheaper. For £131 you can have a casket with a hand-painted forget-me-not, and for £160 a sort of cachecasket — a photograph of your cat framed to conceal the ash box behind.

How long before we go as far as the The Happier Hunting Ground, the pets' cemetery in Evelyn Waugh's novel The Loved One? Its Grade A service included a pastor and a white dove liberated over the crematorium at the moment of committal, symbolising the deceased's soul. Every anniversary the bereaved received a card saying: "Your little Ar-thur is thinking of you in Heaven today and wagging



## Minimalist decor with a big impact

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A superb book for browsing through, it features some of the most inspiring modern homes, where clutter is re-placed by the luxury of space, the function of rooms is up for grabs, and design empha-sis is placed on quality of materials. It is a source of ideas for any

aspiring minimalist. Pare Style by Jane Cumberbatch (Ryland, Peter & Small, £18.99) makes simplicity its focus. The book's straightforward tone, clarity and laid-back interiors make it an excellent guide to

designing spaces you can feel as well as look at, rich with ideas for using sensuous materials. Natural Decoration by

Elizabeth Wilhide and Joanna Copestik (Conran Octopus, £16.99) is a thoughtful, hands-on book to help you create a home with natural materials that age well, feel good and soothe the senses. It offers insights into using texture - wood, stone, unbleached fabrics - to tackle walls, furnishings, doors and floors. There is a section on eco-friendly paints, dyes and woods, as well as DTY ideas. such as how to make fresh plaster look faded.

Paint (Frances Lincoln, £25) is devoted to ecologically sound water-based paints, and eases you into the beauty and benefits of milk paint, emulsion, pigment and distemper, then follows up with step-by-steps on how to do decorative paint techniques, such as oak graining, as well as the tough jobs, such as painting iron.

The latest "country" books cast a fresh look at a traditional style. The Perfect Country Room by EmmaLouise O'Reilly (Conran Octopus, £20) distils the move toward pared-down restraint, with inspiration on how to incorporate textiles, furniture, ceramics, paints.

Creating the Look: Swed-ish Style by Katrin Cargill (Frances Lincoln, £20) is about a lean look that blends 18th-century proportion and grace with the earthy cosiness of gingham and checks. There is a good use of the colour grey (particularly apt now), with a section on how to paint tempting farmhouse stencils and rustic patterns.

Country Style (Mitchell Beazley, £16.99), reprinted this year, is a compilation of

this year, is a compilation of the ingredients -

furniture. details. walls. But it is the sheds, shacks and cottages in The Essential Look of Rural America Universe Publishing, £12.95) that brim with ideas for working with shingling, clapboard and tongue-andgroove. However,

if you are revamping a period property, two books are invaluable: Per-iod-Style Soft Furnishings by Judith Miller (Mitchell Beazley, £20), a visual how-to guide to window treatments, uphoistery, beds and cushions, and The Elements of Style, an Encyclopaedia of Domestic Architectural Detail by Stephen Calloway (Mitchell Beazley, £45), an entertaining guide to restoration.

For a specific room. The Kitchen Book (Conran Octopus, £25) has yer to be improved upon for practical information. Bedrooms by Alecia Beldegreen (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, £17), now in paperback, is a gern, with a section on bedding, beds and linens. Making the Most of Bathrooms by Catherine Haig (Conran Octopus, £10.99) emphasises ways to make it a clean and geo-metric space. The Conran Octopus Decorating Book (£25) is a comprehensive guide to home improvement.

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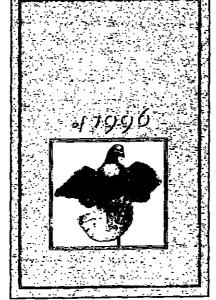
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## At home with some rocks of ages



THE Vaughan Williams voluntaries at the beginning and end of the service sounded different yet familiar. I couldn't detect a wrong note, but afterwards dis-

covered that the organist, Canon Walter Prest, aged 87, a former organ scholar at Durham Cathedral, is blind. For the hymns, when music had to be read, the Rev Jan Anker. 86, a harpsichordist, stepped in.
The congregation included

Canon Denys Browning, 90, a cousin of Daphne du Maurier. Upstairs was the Rev James Seignior, who will be 99 in December. The ages of the assembled clergy amounted to 2,000 years of experience in the ministry.

This was one of the daily services

at the College of St Barnabas in the village of Dormansland, Surrey, which houses 35 retired Anglican clergy at any one time. The clergy had white hair like haloes over smiling, shining faces, and some had impressive God-the-Father style white beards. They seemed to emit benign blessings as they passed. It felt like Heaven could be just around the corner. In a story that might or might not be apocryphal, the college was founded as a charity in 1895 when

Canon William Cooper, an Irish priest, needed a match to light his cigar. He spotted a match-seller on the pavement, but was appalled to discover on closer inspection that his rags were the remnants of his clerical garb. He went on to discover 27 clergymen in three workhouses, and this inspired him to raise enough money to found both St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, and St Barnabas. One hundred years later, demand is

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lifetime of service abroad, are in

straitened circumstances and would

benefit from a home at St Barnabas.

The college is now appealing for £1 million to modernise and in-

It was the feast day of St Simon

and St Jude, the apostles known from biblical times for who they

crease its much-used facilities.

The Bishop of Richborough

outstripping supply. And while clergy might not be reduced to selling matches today, many, especially those that have given a were not. Simon was not his more famous brother, Simon Peter, the Bible tells us, and Jude was not Judas Iscariot. In fact, Jude, despite being brother of St James the Less and, therefore, a blood relative of Jesus, was so obscure that he is known as Jude the Obscure, and is regarded as the patron of difficult or hopeless cases. "Blessed Jude, thou true disciple. We thy faithfulness

recite," was our opening hymn.
The Bishop of Richborough, the
Right Rev Edwin Barnes, one of the
"flying bishops" appointed to care
for traditionalists, preached on the agony of being known for not being someone else. "My goddaughter Kate is a lovely girl but at school she suffered because she had an elder sister who was quite brilliant, and Kate is no academic." he said. "Her teachers nagged her all the way through school for not being her sister. It is sad how unwise teachers

can be in this respect."

In the current debate over morality, his homily made sense: "If you label a child as a failure, you will damage him or her for ever. But treat each one as a child of God, as a unique individual, and you will

enable him or her to flourish." ● College of St Barnabas, Blackberry Lane, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6NJ (01342 870260).

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## If the bathroom is your refuge from today's hectic pace, SOPHIE CHAMIER looks at the accessories that can add a drop of pleasure Hubble, bubble, no more toil or trouble

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a shower-only bathroom.

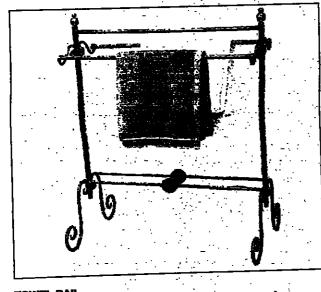
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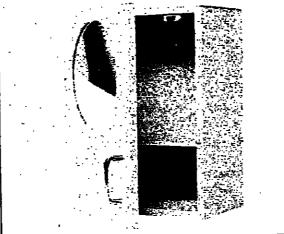
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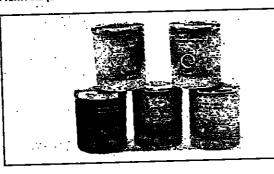
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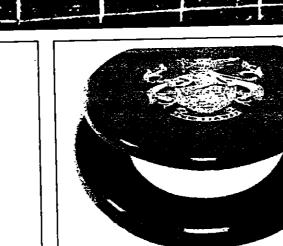
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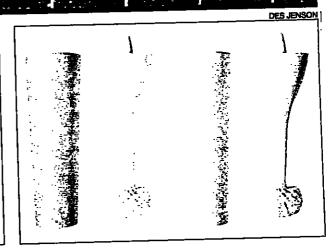
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## The Holiday Inn syndrome gastric juice. Breakfast is a milestone. They do business at it, such as plea-bargaining for hamsters. They revel in it. That's why there are always

any thousands of years ago a cave-man, a cavewoman and a cavechild were walking through the jungle. Suddenly the undergrowth ceased and before them, glinning in the antediturian sunlight, stretched miles of unspoilt sand and sea.

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The cavernan and his mate turned smiling towards the child. And the child said: Take me back to the cave." My children do it, your children do it: this perverse reverse-turn, this fierce desire not to experience whatever their parents want them to. Darwin probably had a phrase for it natural rejection. I call it Arthur Ransome

Syndrome, after the author

of the books my children won't read. In Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire stands a youth hostel: well run, comfortable beds, practically on the beach. We were there on a family fossiling expedition that had begun much further south at Kimmeridge, in Dorset. The idea was to demonstrate that the Kimmeridge ammonites are part of a Jurassic stratum that winds up the country, getting thin in the middle but widen ing around the Yorkshire coast where, magically, you can find the same fossils as in

Kimmeridge.

Amazingly, the children had absorbed all this and were enjoying themselves.
We sang Here we come afossiling on the beach (well, I did) and everyone was in good humour as we trooped into the hostel. We had neglected, however, to book a family room. Eyes opened in horror at the thought of

sharing with strangers.
Supper, too, was a little rough and ready for their taste, but worse was to come as we shuffled down, late as usual, in the morning.





Children always have to rebel - especially if it involves food

There was no choice of cereal. It was cornflakes or vention of family rule No 479, to the effect that, while on holiday suggests that the suggests of the suggests while on holiday, every child shall have access in the morning to a mini-packet of some Kellogg's cereal in which sugar is at least the second ingredient if not the

first. (The rest of the year they get gruel.)

My daughter, aged eight, had had enough of all this had nad enough or air this fun. She turned to me, her eyes brimming. "Surely," she demanded loudly, "there must be a Holiday inn somewhere around here?"

Lim brothers seconded the Her brothers seconded the remember nothing.) motion. The other hostellers, most of them professional

fell-walkers, looked on askance. We wilted. Spoilt? Not really. Mostly.

but for its breakfasts.

e once spent two nights in Naples in a Holiday Inn. while on a fact-finding visit to Pompeii, and the memory of the facility in the facility i of the fruit juices, the infinite cereals, crossants and sticky buns, the milk, the honey and the many kinds of jam. all piled high like an endless harvest festival, is with us still. (Of Pompeti they

Small children have in-

ternal clocks that run on

But it is food, inglorious food, that brings out the worst in them. One day they like eggs, next day they don't. Ditto tomatoes, cheese, pate de foie gras, we've tried the lot in our time. We've made them make lists, we've made them finish, we've let them go hungry, we have ag-onised. But what they really like is bubble gum, Coco

Pops and small sticky things

that are advertised when

you're not watching.

Rice Krispies sticking to your feet in the kitchen. Parents should not be

downcast by infant rebellion

but it does get to you. Our brood, for example, have always been denied sweets.

Now their teeth are in vary-

ing states of decay, but they

are all first-class at hiding

the wrappers.

Take holidays: you like

Bognor? Your offspring will plead for a trek around Nepal. If you go to Bognor, what they'll like best will be any disaster, however minor.

Take television: you can ban it during the week, but they'll

absorb EastEnders as if by osmosis, and at school they'll

be the recognised experts on

the Mitchells.

To parents and children alike, eating has a secret dimension. Parents see it as something that has to be sorted out early on. Children, conversely, need to express their right to choose. They Il find out what you approve of and eat the opposite. I imag-ine cavechildren were the same - "Don't want mammoth, gimme dinosaur!

And chips, of course. One thing's for sure: they'll never call my lot anorexic. Not if there's a Holiday Inn



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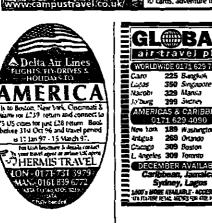
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# Go placidly amid the volcanoes

Relax. You don't have to be brave to explore Guatemala, says **EDWARD** MARRIOTT

hree years ago a friend of mine went travelling in Guatemala. Late at night she was woken by gunfire in the street outside. Terrified, she hid under the bed. A machine-gun raked the hotel windows were smashed and the ceiling of her room was drilled with holes. The next morning, shaken but un-harmed, she booked the first flight home.

Guatemala, despite its postcard-friendly Indians and colourful markets, has lurched through edgy, dangerous periods. For many years the Indian guerrillas have struggled with governments they claim have been corrupt and undemocratic; regrettably, tourists have occasionally been caught in the crossfire.

Not unnaturally, this has deterred many visitors. The correlation, of course, is that if you decide to go, you will never feel as though you are walking an over-trodden

This is a beautiful and picturesque country with friendly, curious people and a fascinating, still-live

history.
Often, even the most striking spots seem as though they have been visited rarely. The most memorable, with-out doubt, is Lake Atitlan, a 15km-wide freshwater lake ringed by volcanoes and four hours drive from Guate mala City, the capital. Even in the post-Christmas high season, the ferries across the lake were near-empty; the hawkers in the gateway village, Panajachel, were consequently desperate for

titlán merits a stay of a week or more. Devotees return year after year and a few, taking advantage of Guatemala's relaxed regulations on foreign ownership, even buy land along the lake

With days in hand, you can travel its entire circumference, spending a night in each village. This is Guatemala in the round, the country in microcosm.

Most visitors arrive in Panajachel down breathtaking switchbacks from the Panamerican Highway. The town (pronounced Pana-hashell) was once an unassuming little mêlée of Cakchiquel Indians, but it is now the tourist hub of Atitlan. Most visitors go no further, aithough some take a day trip to the fabulous market at Chichicastenago, two hours north into the highlands.

But venture beyond Panajachel across the azure water and suddenly, magically, the lake becomes Surrender to its

rhythms, let the people guide you; above all, do not rush. First stop, Santa Cruz, The village is half a mile up the a single-track path. Some are changed hands three times. formed security guards: weekend retreats for Guatetoo small for hotels; most the mayor pocketing a com-

In the market at Chichicastenago, women in their bright and colourful huipiles or shawls sell all kinds of local produce. The village is a two-hour drive north of Panajachel into the Guatemalan highlands

hill behind and the jetty is overlooked by three palm-roofed guesthouses, which are all cheap and friendly. This is a genule inauguration: mornings start clear, cool and still, the surface of the lake a metallic mirror of the deepening sky; by midday the wind creates a gentle chop on the water and the sun is burning. Gum and banana trees run down to the

The village, where women in bright scarlet huipiles (shawls) seem engaged in endless rounds of clothes washing, climbs up through dusty paths past a white-washed church, into straggly coffee plantations. For those who prefer the horizontal,

the shore path winds on.
This, the west side of the take, is the least built up and the villages are connected by

have a hospedaje (guesthouse) or two. The walk between, with the volcanoes constantly in sight, is truly

breathtaking. San Marcos, three hours' scramble along a narrow path from Santa Cruz, is fast being developed. Lost in the labyrinth of coffee bushes that run down to the shore are five guesthouses, most owned and run by eccentric

The weirdest by far is Las Pyramides, a meditation re-treat where every building is pyramid shaped and the Swiss cook sleeps in a tree house. Two American brothers we met, who had bought a plot of lakeside land the year before, had now returned to discover that "their" land had since

mission each time. But at the moment the village is quiet and largely pre-electric; the only noise at night is from teenagers' firecrackers.

The idvll, however, is not flawless. Swimming in the lake off San Marcos I was approached by a fisherman. He grew solemn when asked about his catch: he had been out since dawn and still nothing. The black bass, he explained, which was introduced as a sport fish in the 1960s, had long ago eaten the crabs and smaller fish and

disappeared to the depths. Development, although still minuscule, is gearing up. Scattered along the more deserted stretches of shore are glass-fronted holiday houses with sprinklered lawns and full-time, uni-

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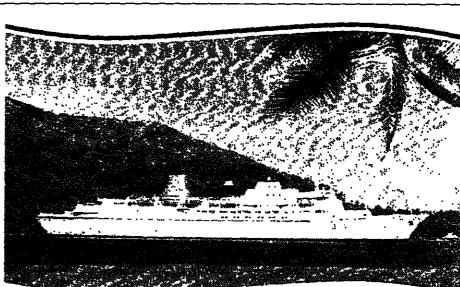
San Pedro and Santiago Atitlan, on the south side of the lake, are larger and accessible by a tarmac road. San Pedro, the smaller of the two, is a dusty. flyblown place that is developing a reputation as something of a hippy town, with marijuana sold over the counter in bars. More interestingly, it is the starting point for Atitlan's most impressive walk: the four-hour climb up the 3,000m San Pedro volcano.

antiago Atitlán, 10km on, is a more diverse, traditional village. Spend the night here and you will likely be the only visitor. But its tranquillity, as so often in Guatemala, belies a bloody recent past. The army, accusing the residents of supporting the guerrillas, established a base here in the early 1980s and throughout the decade villagers were abducted and

murdered. In 1990, after drunken soldiers shot and killed a villager, the local population pentioned successfully for the base to be closed.

On our last night on Atitlan the lake was alive with celebration: new mayors were being inaugurated in all the villages. Booming firecrackers echoed round the mountains. The perfect night, I remember thinking, for a guerrilla attack. Then, without warning, a dark figure emerged from the undergrowth and lobbed something towards me. I hit the ground. It exploded behind me; small particles hit the back of my head.

Children's laughter erupted. I stood up, feeling my head for wounds, extracting sticky lumps from my hair: orange peel. I had been attacked by an exploding citrus fruit. On this night that was as dangerous as it was going to get.



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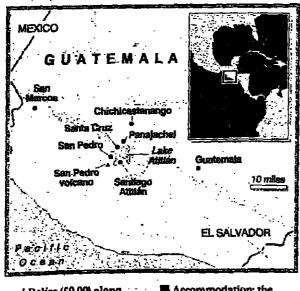
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and Belize (£9.99) along with the Rough Guide Spanish phrase book. The best travel book, even after 60 years, is Aldons Huxley's Beyond the Mexique Bay (Flamingo £6.99, ISBN 0-58608 481 91. Accommodation: the quality of guesthouses changes so quickly that it is unwise to recommend particular ones. especially in Panajachel where the cheapest accommodation (about E3-

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#### America's southern states: From Graceland to Dixieland, Peter Stothard tours Tennessee and the Carolinas...

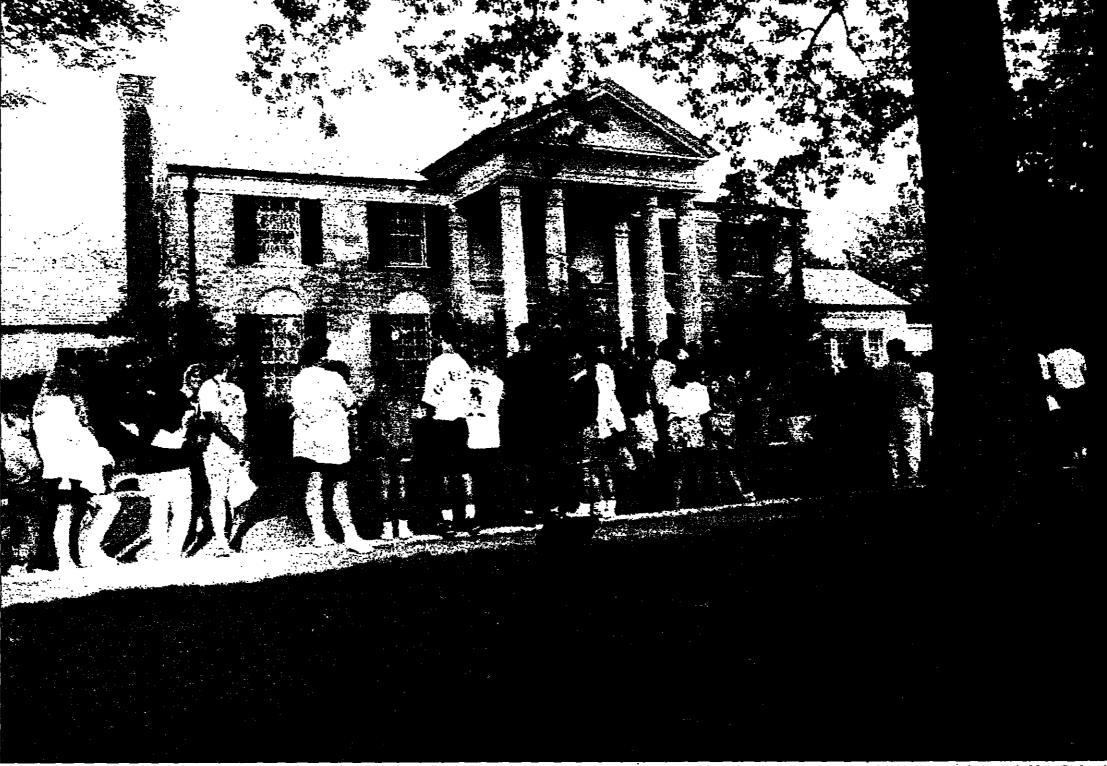
From the King's palace to Wolfe's lair



The American nov elist Thomas Wolfe in a 29-room boarding house which still stands among the offices, magic shops and "check-your-gun-at-the-door" restaurants of Asheville. North Carolina. During the depression years. Mrs Wolfe's customers were charged a dollar a day for bed (a shared bed if the place was full) and modest board. Nearby, at the same time, another writer. F. Scott Fitzgerald, was in accommodation costing some 30 times as much at the giant and luxurious Grove Park Inn, which also still stands today and whose hall fireplaces, 36 feet across, could hold at least three of Mrs Wolfe's bed-

Dixieland, the name that Wolfe gave to his home in his best-known novel. Look Homeward, Angel, was built to make money, to fund the dreams of a woman whose share of the family imagination was directed into property speculation. Grove Park. by contrast, was built to consume the fortune that its eccentric owner had amassed from the highly profitable Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic and Grove's Laxative Bromo Quinine. Both establishments are well worth a visit from travellers to this romantic town in the American south east: both aim to create much the same impression as they did on the day they first opened for

Visitors have always come to these southern highlands for the same reason. You tionally devoted to the work of Thomas Wolfe to make a special journey to Asheville to see his clapperboard home and museum: there are some, however, who do and. according to the guide, they are quite as fiercely devoted as the acolytes of those other wolves, Humbert and Virginia. You would have to be quite unusually obsessed by architectural oddity and the Scott/Zelda phenomenon to make a special journey from England to the Grove Park Inn. But if you need height and sweet air in the humid



Newcomers to Presley's old home at Graceland find it a surprisingly small. Inside, the dining table seems tiny in comparison with the exploits that are supposed to have taken place around it in Elvis's day

Dixieland clientele, you are escaping from the sickness of inner-city Pittsburgh, or whether, like the drink-raddled Fitzgerald, you are escaping the literary clubs of New York, or whether, like us this summer, you are resting after a week of Nashville theme parks and Elvis Presley worship, the natural appeal remains the same.

We arrived there, two adults and two children aged eight and 12, in the middle of a three-week August holiday sweep through Tennessee and the Carolinas to Savannah, Georgia. We flew from

southern summer, Asheville London to Charlotte and on is a joy. Whether, like the to Memphis. This was our base for seeing the memorials to the King of Rock'n'Roll and that even bigger King of American race relations. Martin Luther Junior. We then left the Mississippi and drove to Nashville, which now boasts not only its make-your-own-countryrecord booths and the massive Opryland Hotel complex but the world's only full-size reconstruction of the Athenian Acropolis.

Our route took us next through the Alpine-like town of Gatlinburg in the Great Smoky Mountains, Asheville. Charleston, the Kiawah island wilderness resort and

post-Olympic Georgia. We were forewarned of the heat, the distances and the boredom suffered by child-ren in cars. But with help from the air-conditioned American automobile, frequent freeway stops and some unusually wet weather on the higher ground, the travelling was fine. The hot weather was most intense at the start of the trip.

Thile about 1,000 visitors a year troop through Mrs Wolfe's kitchen in Asheville more than 60 times as many visit Mr Presley's home in the Memphis suburbs. Go early in the day to avoid the grilling wait for the shuttle-bus from the

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car park. And remember that you do not need to allow too long for the tour. King Elvis had a surprisingly small palace Graceland, no grandiose piece of architecture this, would not look out of place on the outskirts of Manchester or Guildford. rics. Maybe. The glass dining table seems Most visitors would not be tiny in comparison with the exploits that are supposed to have taken place around it, the swimming pool hardly

later Elvis to take a bath. All the famed para-phernalia are there, the jungle-room recording studio lounge, the green-carpeted ceiling, the TCB and thun-derbolt insignia (Taking Care of Business in a flash, as the guides patiently ex-

large enough for the obese

plain) which is planted on every possible surface from aircraft tailplane to gravestone. The one flash not allowed is photography: the Presley estate is perturbed that excessive light will damage the delicate curtain fab-

too disappointed if the precise shade of polluted river green on the shag-pile were lost. Their ears are plugged into their Walkmans; their hips are swaying (Elvis-lovers of both sexes boast some of the largest hips in the world) and their minds are with the man and not the mansion.

Anyone who wants to take Elvis involvement a little further can visit the dives of

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Beale Street where the great temporary attraction for its James, who in 1905 had to man cut his first demonstration record and where his zens decided that they liked bedroom to borrow a book followers today do the same. Just around the corner is the Peabody Hotel, whose recovery to its old splendour is an indicator of the whole city's escape from racial and economic catastrophe. At llam each day, the pampered Peabody ducks leave the lettuce and strawberries of their rooftop home and descend in the elevator with their liveried Duckmaster for the red-carpeted walk to the hotel lobby fountain. Every morning and evening the duck marches attract appre-

ciative crowds. In the 1960s, neither Elvis Presley nor Martin Luther King would have been too welcome at the Peabody: Elvis took breakfast at the nearby Arcade Café while Dr King stayed at the Lorraine Motel. The balcony on which he was shot dead in 1968 is the second biggest local tourist attraction, marked by a wreath, a civil rights museum and a camp site of black protesters complaining that the event was not one which Memphis should choose to promote.

As well as men who outshine their monuments. there are monuments that far outshine their makers. In 1897 Major E.C. Lewis, a Nashville railway owner, built his city a full-sized model of the Parthenon as a

it: the stone replacement for Lewis's work is still being enhanced today. The latest addition is a full-sized 42-foot representation of the Athene Parthenos statue, recreated here from ancient descriptions and Roman models in the past ten years.

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George Vanderbilt was not a railroad tycoon himself. He was not even as much of a natural speculator as Mrs Wolfe. But he did spend a magnificent quantity of his family's railway-earned fortune on the largest family house ever built in America, just a few miles from Dixieland and the Grove Park Irm. Biltmore designed in Loire chāteau style, stands with Graceland and The White House in the top three most visited houses in the US Although the contents are of no great interest, the walnut library, with its Venetian ceiling by Pellegrini, is a room to kill for. Henry

from the "mile-long" shelves. almost did

After the first week our holiday developed into two parallel tours. The first was of houses, hotels and museums, from Biltmore through to Charleston Place in the 18th-century heart of South Carolina and the English city squares of Savannan. The second was of white-water raft trips, balloon journeys and searches for alligators. rare birds and spiders on the sand dunes of Kiawah. Judicious lane-changes from one tour to another allowed harmony between children and parents to be maintained almost all of the time.



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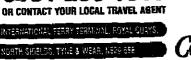
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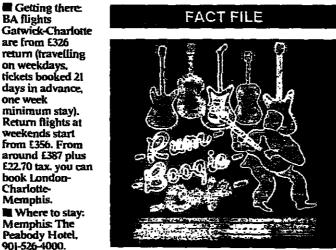
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... while Paul Gogarty travels the south from New Orleans to Memphis in search of the true Delta bluesmen

# Where the real blues were born

hen I was 12 and living in Liverpool, an unknown group released a record called Love Me Do. As my mum worked with the drummer's fiancée at Richmond Sausage Works, I decided to donate my pocket money to them by buying the record (well, they were almost family).

That Saturday, on the road to

That Saturday, on the road to Damascus (OK, Anfield), I popped into a record booth on Lime Street Station where a wail, like that of a wolf in an animal trap, froze me in my tracks. It was Howlin Wolf, the man who raised the bowl in scordays! the howl to sacerdotal heights. I left with my first blues album instead of Love Me Do. I had lost my musical virginity but kept it secret from my parents. knowing anything this powerful could not possibly be approved of.
Lester Bohren felt similar misgivings

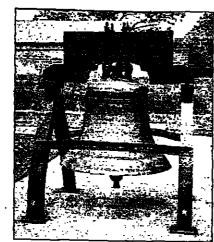
as a boy in Wyoming, but made the mistake of trying to share his passion with his Baptist preacher daddy. His father accused him of listening to the Devil's music and threw his records in the bin. So Lester started playing the music himself. I caught Bohren's show at the Snug Harbour club in New Orleans when I finally made my pilgrimage to Louisiana. Mississippi and Tennessee in September. His show was billed as Delta Blues. It was polished, technically faultless, but the voice did not belong to the haunted souls I had shared my own teenage

Natchez — "the prettiest town in Mississippi" — where I would be heading next on a 500-mile drive to Memphis along the banks of the world's third largest river. En route I hoped to meet the real Delta bluesmen. Before I left town however there was time to left town, however, there was time to squeeze in a second night at The House of Blues where I watched a funky R & B outfit with Bernie Cyrus, local rock guitarist and director of the Louisiana Music Commission.

Cyrus was justly proud of his city. "Memphis claims to have invented rock'n'roll but Roy Brown released Good Rockin' Tonight here in 1948—six years ahead of Elvis's first record." The city had also invented jazz. "Buddy Bolden started it, Jelly Roll polished it and Fats Domino still lives it here." Warming to his theme, Cyrus even chauvinistically claimed the Liverpool sound originated in New Orleans: "Did you know three of the Beatles' earliest Cyrus was justly proud of his city. you know three of the Beatles' earliest recordings were first cut by Larry Williams in New Orleans?" Clearly I was starting my tour in the right town; I was in the cradle of popular music.

ext morning I drove out on Interstate 10 past swamps and the oceanic Lake Pontchartrain. At Baton Rouge (where blues legend Buddy Guy lives), I swapped Louisiana for Mississippi and headed north on the single-lane Highway 61. Giant magnolias (the state flower) and cypresses started appearing, along with clapboard Baptist churches, aluminium silos and the bleached bones of abandoned wooden shacks, I was now on The Great River Road and as I switched between the Hang Out With Jesus station and Baton Rouge's Classic Soul ("S-s-s-soul never s-s-sounded s-s-so good"), roadway signs tried to lure me into cases with promises of grilled carfish sandwiches and ali-bobs (alligator-tail kebabs).

Natchez was indeed "the prettiest town in Mississippi", an ante-bellum heaven with more Scarlett O'Hara pre-Civil War mansions than anywhere else in America. Like most towns on the Mississippi. however, a kind of habitual apartheid still operated and nothing caused a bigger furore than when the main street was renamed Martin



The Liberty Bell at Baton Rouge

Luther King Junior Street, Confederate flags fluttered, Mississippi paddle steamers cruised and I headed down to the waterfront to a bar named Under the Hill, where Jerry Lee Lewis used to thump the piano in the 1950s. The piano was still there and so was

Andree, the original owner. The bar stretched almost the entire length and 14-foot high wooden shutters gave out on to the great enamelled belly of the Mississippi. On the walls, amid photographs of musicians who had played the joint, was one quintessential pose of the wild man of rock combing his hair, aged maybe 20. Andree smiled. "I used to offer him a beer to stop playing, but it never did no good; he just kept hammerin the piano through the floorboards. Jerry was wild, like all them Lewisses. He paused and then. fearing I might get the wrong impression, added. "Jerry wasn't bad...
just a little crazy. Sure he shot a coupla people and beat up a few women, but heck, who hasn't?"

Also on the wall was a trumpet belonging to local jazz musician James Rowan, who still occasionally played here. But Rowan was now 70 and mostly stayed at home. He had just popped in to pick up some records somebody had left for him behind the bar. Rowan's 15 minutes of fame had come playing King Oliver, Louis Armstrong's mentor, in a musical on Satchmo's life that toured the States. To pay bills between gigs he taught the trumpet and ran bands in local schools.

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I asked him why he thought the Delta had produced so many great arrists. "Cos people was poor and had nothin." They just kept the blues with 'em all day. They had no one to tell it to so they sang it, an' singin' it made things feel a bit better — a bittersweet thing."

Through Rowan I learnt about the town's best-known bluesman. Jimmy Anderson, who I finally tracked down at the local jail as he was finishing his shift as lollipop man and security guard at a local school. He invited me into one of the station's interview rooms and we sat talking over cups of coffee. Anderson got his first harmonica at the age of nine and started playing like Little Walter. When he got his first guitar at 17, he took up a Jimmy Reed style and went on the road. He had toured Europe with the Mojo Blues Band four times. He had also recorded 18 singles and two CDs but admitted. "You cainnn't find none of 'em nowhere, no mowwwrre.' Like virtually every other bluesman, he had to scrape a living outside music. Anderson made me a tape of his songs and I played it back-to-back driving up the Great River Road the following day.

t Clarksdale, I arrived in town just as James Super Chikan Johnson and the Fighting Cocks were kicking into their first number at the Delta Blues Mu-seum. John Ruskin, the museum curator, was on keyboards (among other notable achievements in his young life was a 2.350-mile solo journey on a raft down the Mississippi). Mr Toby on bass was dressed in farm-worker dungarees and frontman Jimmy Johnson only remarked his nine when Johnson only removed his pipe when he had to sing. On a wall behind the band was a

diddy-bow like the ones on which Muddy Waters, BB King and Bo Muddy Waters, BB King and Bo Diddley first learnt to play music — a primitive slide guitar consisting of a single string pulled taut between two stones on a wooden plank and played with a third stone. As Ruskin later explained, "People were so poor they made instruments from anything. Our local barber, Wade Walton, is still known as 'The Blues Barber of Clarksknown as 'The Blues Barber of Clarksdale' 'cos, for 40 years, he's been playing blues on his razor strap to customers like Muddy and Sonny Boy."

As the band swung into Hoochie Coochie Man. I wandered round the museum. There were early posters, blues tomes, 1.000 CDs and tapes and 500 videos of Delta performers. And then there were the guitars - one donated by ZZ Top that had incorporated a piece of cypress wood from Muddy's nearby cabin (the cabin had recently been bought by the House of Blues and was being shipped down to New Orleans), another donated by BB King and an old battered amplified nine-string that Big Joe Williams used for most of his life.

As I was driving out of Clarksdale I got a puncture. I phoned around and found the only garage open on Sunday was Morton's, just a mile up the road. When I arrived, a guy in greasy overalls asked, "What took you so long?". I had driven direct and only finished talking to him on the phone minutes ago. He pointed to the highway signs hanging over the intersection - 61 and 49: "You can't make a tour of the Delta and leave without visitin' the Crossroads." I was at the crossroads where Robert Johnson, most fabled bluesman of all, had reputedly sold his soul to the Devil in exchange for complete mastery over his guitar. My atheism was sorely tested.

The tyre was fixed and I headed for Memphis. I still had BB King's club to visit and Sun Studios where the blues gave birth to rock'n'roll, when another Mississippi boy named Elvis Presley made a record in 1954 entitled That's all



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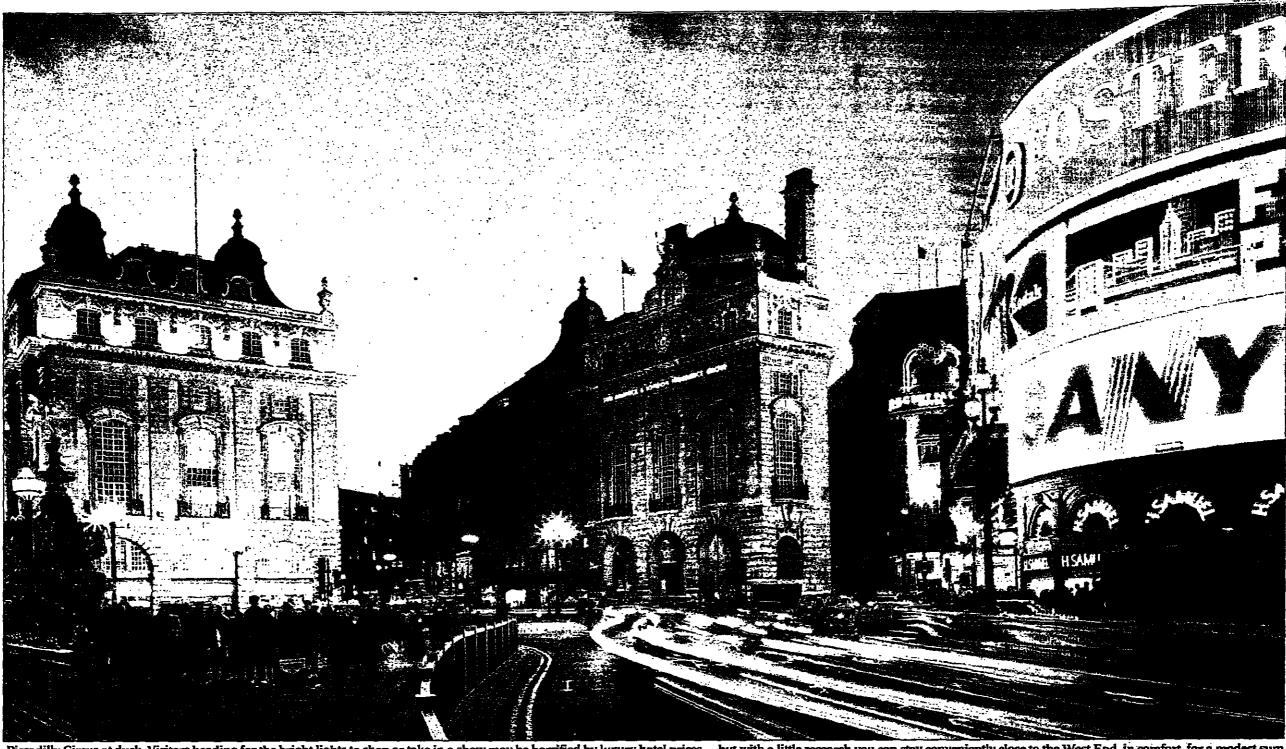
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Yet while London has plenty of luxury hotels such as Claridge's, it has a surprising shortage of good-quality budget hotels.

There is a healthy demand for properties offering rooms at rates under £70 per night. And if customer demand cannot be satisfied, then visitors will look elsewhere," says Sir John Egan, chairman of the London Tourist

According to the LTB, at least another 10,000 hotel rooms will be needed to meet anticipated demand before the end of the decade.

For now, though, finding a hotel that suits your budget and requirements can be daunting, especially for the first-time visitor. But with some advance planning it is possible to have a good time in town without breaking the

The key is to identify in advance what you want from your trip to London. Is it to see the sights? To go shopping? Or take in a show? How far are you prepared to travel - the further away from the centre of London.

# Budget nights on the town

you happy with taking a Tube back to the hotel at night, or will your budget stretch to a taxi?

Price is probably the most important factor for many people coming to London for a break. although location runs it a close second. The new Rotherhithe Youth Hostel (0171-232 2114), for example, can provide accom-modation at £22.75 per person per night, including breakfast, in a two-bedded room, but it is not particularly convenient for central London. A better option, also at E22.75 per night, is the Carter Lane Youth Hostel (0171-236 4965) close to St Paul's Cathedral in the City of London, although it is extremely popular and can be difficult to get into.

For those looking for more of a hotel atmosphere, expect to pay at least £50 to £70 for a two-person room in a small B&B-style hotel in the central area. Woodville House in Ebury Street (0171-730 1048), near Victoria Station, is a small (12 rooms) hotel offering clean and simple accommodation. Although guests share a bathroom and have no lounge. there is access to a small kitchen. Twin or double rooms cost from £54 a night, while large family rooms are priced from £64.

The owners of this hotel have

Guest House, also in Ebury Street (0171-730 2384 The 1997 Which? Hotel Guide rates this 11-room property highly: "Plans are afoot to start work on the garden, after which the hotel would be a nearperfect base for sightseers on a budget." Prices range from £58 to £75 for a twin or double and from £68 to £98 a night for a family room. For about £70-

with another prop-

£90 a night per room, there are also a number of larger hotels that offer good-value weekend breaks in this price range, although their location tends to be away from the more fashionable parts of town. The three-star Royal Scot Hotel at King's Cross, for example, has a weekend rate of £36 per person per night (£72 for a room), including breakfast. when booked through the Highlife Breaks leisure brochure (0800 700 400). This is a 351-room



Morgan Guest House, SWI, charges from £29 per person

modern-looking hotel which largely caters for the business market during the week and offers the convenience of a restaurant and coffee shop within the hotel.

The Bayswater area of west London also has a number of good-value properties. The re-cently refurbished Comfort Inn Hyde Park (0171-262 6644), built out of former townhouses and close to Lancaster Gate Tube, has a weekend rate of £35 per person per night. All the 60 bedrooms are clean and comfortable with en suite bathrooms, and taurant and bar.

The better the

area in terms of

shopping and sightseeing, the higher the price. Hence the special weekend break prices move up a notch at the Kensington Palace Hotel (0171-937 8121), close to High Street Kensington, to £50 per person per night or £55 per person per night at the refur-

bished Mount Royal Hotel (017) 629 8040), just off Oxford Street. Hotels generally have special rates for children, although some have fairly complicated rules. Most are prepared to let children aged up to 15 stay free in their parents' room if there is space, or give a discount on a separate room if available. Some also allow children to eat free or

charge only a small fee. The new Holiday Inn Weekender Plus programme, however,

has probably the strangest defi-nition of children of any hotel chain in the capital, since it allows them up to the age of 19 to stay in their parents' rooms. Room rates LINE KINE'S Cross (017I-833 3900), for example, are £110 per night, which could work out to be good value if you can stand having older teenage child-

ren in the same room.

Travel agents should be able to find the best deal on offer at any given time from London hotels, including those that provide theatre tickets or other addedvalue benefits such as museum admissions (see our special breaks section on the opposite page). Otherwise, short-break operators such as Highlife, Superbreak (0161-238 5257) and First Option Leisure Breaks (0345 565657) can help.

The London Tourist Board has an accommodation booking service (0171-824 8844) and publishes a guide entitled Where to Stay in London, which is available from bookshops at £2.95.

For those planning to come to London more than once a year, including the occasional business trip, Hotel Express (0171-924 3366) can offer up to 50 per cent off standard rates at about 40

London hotels. Membership of Hotel Express (which acts like an airline flight consolidator and takes up slack capacity in hotels) costs from £50 a year, although Hotel Express points out that this can be recovered from just one night's stay at a four-star London

hotel at a 50 per cent rate. Visitors to London wanting to stay for more than just a few nights might consider self-cater in a serviced apartment although these are more usually aimed at business travellers. The Orion London (0171-566 8000). for example, is a French-owned apartment hotel close to the Barbican and has a nightly rate for a studio for two people of £78, including a fully equipped (but small) kitchen. The Apartment Service (0181-944-1444) publishes a useful free directory which includes many of these London

self-catering apartments.
Probably the best-value budget hotel within London, however, is the new Formule One at Barking (0181-507 0789), about 30 minutes by Tube from central London, which is being officially opened tomorrow.

The 80-room high-tech hotel check-in is via an automatic machine to keep prices down costs £22.50 per room per night. with rooms accommodating up to three people. Already highly successful in France, the Formule One Barking is the 312th property in the group to open worldwide but the first in London.

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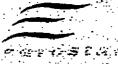
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BARGAIN RESTAURANTS

ondon is an international destination gastronomic excellence, its restaur-ants unrivalled for choice anywhere in the world. Incredible as that statement might have appeared as recently as, say, five years ago, there is an even more preposterous truth to follow: eating out in London does not have to be expensive.

There are, though, pass-words to the city of cheap eats. Here are a few of the most useful: Pierre Victoire. Pizza Express, Stockpot, Sofra, Café Flo, Pret à Manger, Café Aroma. Let me decode them.

Pierre Victoire is remarkably useful chain of inexpensive, franchised bistros started by French chef Pierre Levicky. He requires his overations. his operators to prepare their meals from a repertoire of 500 recipes of his own devising, and to sell three-course lunches for £4.90 and threecourse dinners for £9.90. Some branches, under the Pierre Lapin label, are vegetarian and offer main courses to suit vegans. The chain has quickly grown and branches are now strategically sited throughout Lon-don. The restaurants have a soup-kitchen informality, but the (cosmopolitan) service is friendly and the food usually

perfectly acceptable.

Pizza Express is simply the best of London's pizza chains. Although its founder, Peter Boizot, has retired, the company's standards have triumphantly survived and the chain now numbers more than 30 restaurants. One, for example, is suspended near the Museum of London over the busy thoroughfare of London Wall. Perhaps some of the older establishments, particularly the converted dairy at the corner of Coptic and Little Russell Streets near the British Museum and the Dean Street branch in Soho, are still the most evocative. The pizzas, in any

Stockpot is a descendant the original Terence Conran catering enterprise. Anthony Furnival, who managed one of Conran's highly the 1950s, struck out on his own and carried the cheap food formula forward until he sold the restaurants to his staff in the 1980s. There are seven survivors, although one in King's Road is called Chelsea Kitchen and another, in Panton Street, West End Kitchen. Standards vary, but stick to simple dishes and the average bill will not much exceed £5. Set lunch in Basil Street, near Harrods, for example, is £3.50 for two

Sofra is the most recently expansionist chain, having reached a complement of four restaurants and eight café-bistros, all Turkish in cuisine. In Tavistock Street, Covent Garden, for example, the £5 menu allows customers to have two or three courses served with chips or rice, plus bread and olives. Recommended: parsley



You don't have to be upper crust to eat here: Pizza Express in Dean Street, Soho, one example of what is 'simply the best pizza chain in London'

salad, falafal, manca (spinach in fresh yoghurt with garlic), hummus or taramasalata, followed by grilled lamb fillet, chicken casserole

or incik (lamb knuckle stew). Cafe Flo, with seven addresses around London, produces authentic-looking French bistros with a genuine French case ambience, and food (at £6.95 for two courses and coffee) that is at least good enough to beat most other would-be Gallic this genre, in my sad experience, is Café Rouge, another rapidly expanding chain, but this time one where the food and service are much less stylish than the decor.)

The fastest-growing chain of all is Pret a Manger, which seems almost ubiquntous in the central areas of the capital. It is a chain of stylish sandwich bars with attitude. Not only sand-wiches but also sushi, sashimi, noodle-based dishes, cakes, baked desserts and proper espresso and

The quality is good, the choice wide, the decor stylish and the commitment to high, additive-free standards is publicly stated on every window

Café Aroma is an enterprising and still newish chain with a knack for finding niches within or adjacent to tourist attractions (such as the South Bank Centre) throughout London. The motif is fast food served with bright colours and music, and in-

cludes simple but

stylish snacks.

sandwiches and cakes to be eaten in

or carried away. establishments that do not share common ownership or affiliation, but com-

mend themselves to those on a budget because of the economical food they serve. The top names in the fish and chips genre are Nautilus at 27-29 Fortune Green Road. NW8; Sea-Shell at 49-51 Lisson Grove, NW1; Geales at 2 Farmer Street, W8: Faulkner's, 424-426 Kingsland Road, E8; and the Upper Street Fish Shop, 324 Upper Street, NI. But there are more strategically sited and cheaper fish and chip establishments for visitors, notably the Rock & Sole Plaice at 47 Endell Street, WC2, in Covent Garden and the Fryer's Delight, 19

Theobald's Road, WCI. Of the ethnic cuisines, the best value and most attractive to budget diners are

Ready to eat: Pret à Manger, Marble Arch

Chinese dim sum and Indian vegetarian. Dim sum meals are served from midday to 6pm at the New World, I Gerrard Place, WI, or Chuen Cheng Ku, 17 Wardour Street, Wl, both in Chinatown, south of Shaftesbury Avenue. Trolleys circulate so you can choose a succession of snack dishes on sight without grappling with

possibly unfamiliar names. Diwana Bhel Poori House. 121 Drummond Street, NWI. behind Euston Station, and Mandeer, 21 Hanway Place, Wl, hidden in a back street behind the corner of Oxford Street and Tottenham Court Road, are classic establishments for low-priced Indian vegetarian buffets. Others cheap

worth considering Gallery: the Imperial Arms. 577 King's Road in Fulham. Bengali (centred on Brick Lane, White-SW6; the Grapes, 76 Narrow Street by the Thames in Limehouse, El4; the Holly chapel, El), Turkish (particularly Bush, 22 Holly Mount off Heath Street in Hampstead. Stoke Newington. Nl, Nl6) and Jew-ish in Golders NW3; the White Horse, Parsons Green, SW6; and the Green, NWII. White Cross Hotel, Water Next think of

Lane, Richmond, close to Richmond Bridge. pubs, once as vilified for their food as British Rail but There is no shortage of places in London where an average spend can be kent now frequently a cases well under. And the better than fuel food, and at highly pleasurable thing to write at competitive prices the end of this summary is (although at weekthat these recommendations are not comprehensive. ends some of them may either be closed or not

There are plenty more bargains that visitors will serve food). Characterful pubs with good tucker and beer include: the Fox and discover themselves. The good news is that with such Anchor in Charterhouse strong competition, the old tourist traps must know their Street, Smithfield, ECl; the Lamb Tavern in Leadenhail days are numbered. Market and the George & Vulture, 3 Castle Street, both ROBIN YOUNG in the City. EC3; the Walrus and Carpenter, 45 Monu-ment Street, EC3; the Cittle of

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The line of coaches stretching along Park Lane and the Albert Embankment in London on recent Saturdays testifies to the start of the pre-Christmas shopping rush to the capital. They bring in thousands of shoppers for as little as £5 in some cases. But for those who wish to spend more time and money, a large number of packages exist.

Visits to London shows, from Phantom of the Opera to the new dance musical Smokey Joe's Cafe, are offered either as an essential part of some breaks or as extras. Coach tours of the city, discount vouchers for leading attractions including Madame Tussaud's, the London white card for cheap entry to galleries and museums, and half-price travel cards are among the bonuses included in many packages. Some are designed for shoppers, while others go for luxury from welcome champagne to a limousine to take risitors around the city.

Probably the widest range of offers is from the London Travel Service, which provides rail-inclusive packages from around Britain and flights from Scotland and the north of England. Prices for two nights' bed and breakfast at a modest hotel start from £64 a person and include return rail travel from the Home Counties and the edge of the commuting belt such as Oxford and

For those travelling from further afield - Devon, Lancashire or South Yorkshire, for example — the price is £87, and for visitors from Glasgow and Edinburgh it is £109. The supplement for flying from the two Scottish cities with Air UK to either London City or Stansted is £44. Every traveller on these packages will receive a guide to London, detailed maps and a half-price travel card for a day. .

Theatre tickets can be booked as extras with prices ranging from £39.95 for the best seats at Phantom to £33 for Starlight Express plus a three-course meal, to £15 for a reasonable seat at a less high-profile performance. We make sure we have

the seats for the beds we sell. because more than a third of our customers buy theatre tickets," says Trevor Worth, London Travel Service manager.

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Goldenrail offers several packages which include a night at a four-star hotel, a top-price ticket for a show and a free CD of the music. One current offer features Riverdance plus two nights' accommodation from £119. with rail travel extra.

Rainbow Holidays has a "mix and match" service allowing clients to combine any top West End show with accommodation at one of more than 70 hotels. Deals include £57.50 for a night at the Mayflower Hotel and a ticket for Buddy. Over Christmas and into the new year, the company offers two nights' accommodation, a dress circle seat at Phantom and discount vouchers for top attractions for £198 a person. Rainbow also has two shopping weekends in December including two nights' accommodation, a Sunday lunch cruise on the Thames and discount vouchers for £129 a person.

mong the extras from Osprey Holidays, which organises London breaks by air from Scotland, is the London white card which provides entry to 15 galleries and museums for £15. Two nights in London and return flights from Scottish airports start at £218 a person.

For those who want to make their visit even more memorable. Select Theatre Breaks offers a night at the Berkeley, Claridge's or the Savoy, dinner and the best seats at a top show for £192 a person. For a little more. guests can be greeted with champagne, chauffered to the theatre and have a butler serving champagne and canapes in the interval.

TONY DAWE

 London Travel Service, 01992 456177. Goldenrail, 01904 638973. Rainbow Holidays, 01904 450400. Osprey Holidays, 0990 605605. Select Theatre Breaks.



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WITH A night in a top London hotel costing as much as a week's holiday abroad, it is not surprising that London bed-and-breakfasts are in such demand, particularly those well situated for shopping, theatre and sightseeing trips, Jill Crawshaw writes.

Top-drawer B&B agency Uptown Reservations (0171-351 3445) has 56 private homes, all in central London, although "a few visitors

choose to go to Holland Park or Notting Hill". The agency charges a flat rate of £55 for a single, £70 for a double room per night. All properties have private bathrooms and some have historical connections — Virginia Woolf was born in what is now a B&B near Hyde Park. A Queen Anne house in Cheyne Row with a single, double and family room belonged to William de Morgan, potter and colleague of William Morris. At Home in London (0181-748 1943) offers

70 private homes in central and west London. close to public transport. Most bedrooms have private bathrooms. Costs vary according to location - in Victoria, for example, a theatre owner's flat complete with four-

poster, and where the owner will arrange a guided tour of his theatre, costs £62 a night. Wolsey Lodge (01449 741297) has a handful of B&Bs on its books at locations ranging from Fulham to near the Thames at Staines, where an Edwardian launch is available for charter. Prices are from £35-£45

per room. Bed and Breakfast GB (01491-578 803) has 60-70 houses and small hotels, some costing as little as £18.50 a night - although these have no private bathrooms and are likely to be 30 minutes or so by Tube from the centre

Yorke, 22-23 High Holborn, WCl; the Eagle, 159 Farring-don Road, ECl; the Lans-

downe, 90 Gloucester Ave-

nue in Primrose Hill, NWI;

the Spice of Life, 37-39

Romilly Street, WC2, and

French House, 49 Dean

Street, WI, both in Soho; the

Chandos, 29 St Martin's Lane, WC2, near Trafalgar

Square and the National

Ambassador's residence near Sloane Square, now a large private house with eight bedrooms, costs £46 per person per night

and small motels are listed in the Which? Good Bed and Breakfast Guide (£14.99 from bookshops or phone 0800 252 100). The average prices are £22 for a single, £44 for a double and £68-78 for a family room.

not so easy to find, and standards and available outside London. B&B bookings can. however, be made at main Tourist Information Offices in the capital.

> near Russell Square, has rooms for two to eight people costing £20.50 each for two people, £16 sharing.

Staying at this private house in Chiswick, close to the Tube, costs £25 per person per night

At the top end of the market, a former

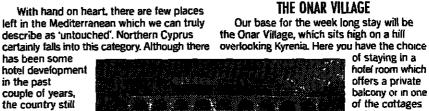
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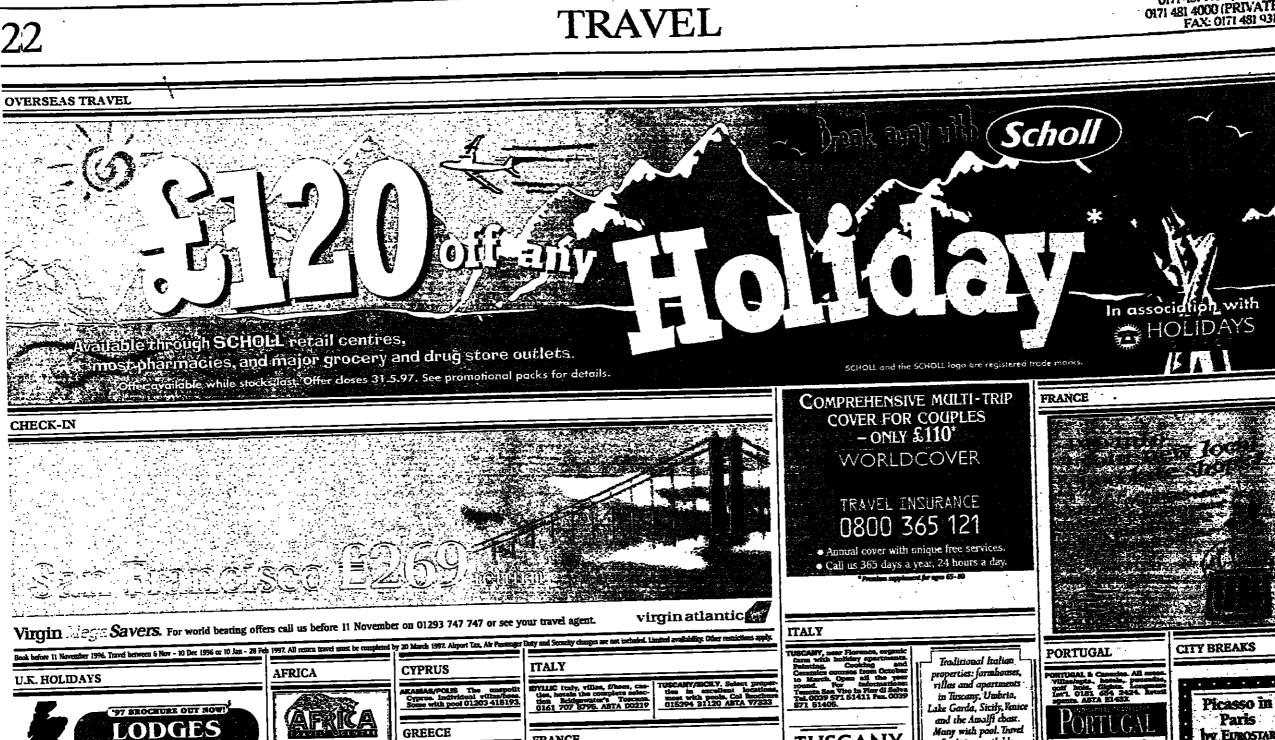
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International skiing: In part five of his resorts guide, Doug Sager heads for the wilds of western Canada

# Downhill highs in cold grizzly country



CANADA seems to be on every skier's wish-list and in every tour operator's brochure. But with 58 operators rushing to jump on the bandwagon and cash in, and the Canadian Tourism Commission predicting that 35,000 British skiers will arrive this year, it is fair to ask whether Canada is really ready for a mass invasion.

To put it bluntly, for skiers habituated to the sunny Alps, Canada is cold comfort. There is a reason why it snows so much in Canada, and why Canadians wear contrivances such as face masks and boot covers which look like teacosies when they venture outdoors. And effusive reviews of Whistler - Canada's only world-class resort - seldom note that its maritime climate is a local byword for rain, temperature inversions of minus 20 degrees and wet, heavy

snow which is fondly known as "Sierra cement".

But no matter how cold the Canadian winter, the welcome given to British visitors is genuinely warm. Ski schools and slope-grooming standards are focused uneringly on family values. And there are still plenty of deeperment lowerical recent consecutive by the confirm College. snow, low-priced resorts accessible by car from Calgary which tour operators have yet to discover.

Access by air is also more convenient than to most American resorts, especially now that tour operators are mangurating charters to Calgary. But it is the Canadian dollar, slightly better value against sterling this year than last, which remains the main attraction.

AGAIN this year, Blackomb Whistler mountains have been voted number one in North America by the readers of American ski magazines. The two competing mountains share a joint ski pass but are only connected at one point down in Whistler village, one of the most characterful and convenient of car-free complexes on the continent.

Together, Blackomb and Whistler provide the kind of off-piste glacier and couloir skiing which is to be found

nowhere else in North America, the two "mile-high" mountains rating respectively number one and number two in terms of vertical drop for the continent.

Blackomb is the state-ofthe art mountain, thanks to its enlightened management. Its grooming is impeccable, the lifts high-speed and direct. New restaurants dish up food equal to that of the Alps, although drinking to Alpine levels of tolerance is actively discouraged and smoking absolutely verboten. Whis-tler, which has replaced the chair lift involved in a fatal



Out on the slopes at Whistler. Besides a friendly and traffic-free village, the resort offers skiing to suit all ages and abilities on two mountains

accident last winter with a modern gondola, has a more rough-and-ready feel to its

twisting slopes.

Abundant wildlife is a feature of the Canadian skiing landscape. But asked why there are no elk wandering Whistler's streets they way they do all over Banff, one local resident replied nonchalantly, "The bears ate

fly, Banff offers views which put Colorado to shame. The town supports a lively cultural scene coffee shops serving enormous "bear claw pastries, and friendly

bars. Hotels in the Banff area, eminently affordable in the low" winter season, are holiday attractions in themselves. The 850-room Banff Springs is complemented by Chateau Lake Louise, set along a lake shore opposite a hanging glacier in one of the world's great beauty spots.

Banff skiing is best sam-pled on the Tri-Area ski pass. This includes Mount Norquay, Sunshine Village further afield on the continental divide, and Lake Louise, Canada's single largest ski area. This year Fortress Mountain and Nakiska have been added to a new Banff Five Area ski pass.
Norquay's new lodge

opens this winter, last year's

new lodge having burnt to

Sunshine, which last year opened North America's rgest new ski terrain, has made more new runs on the Goat's Eye mountain and installed what is claimed to be the world's fastest chair lift. And Lake Louise promises the best tree skiing in Canada in its new Ptarmigan Glades sector.

HELICOPTER and snowcat skiing are Canada's answer tier and Banff both have day helicopter skiing for begin-ners. Revelstoke is a wilderness town with limited liftserviced skiing but hosting several snowcat and helicopter skiing operations, including the excellent-value Selkirk Tangiers Heli-

Skiing. Mike Wiegele's heli-ranch in Blue River encompasses the world's largest helicopter skiing concession and has to be recommended as the best. if only because of Wiegele's policy of always limiting helicopters to three groups, never allowing more than ten skiers in any one group. and always skiing with at least two guides. CMH features nine wilderness lodges each year.

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THIS season for the first time, a number of British tour operators offer peeks

into some of Canada's smaller resorts, all of which are dominated by the family ethos. This means loads of locker space for children to change clothes, ample cafeterias with moderately priced meals, plus grooming and piste-policing standards geared to families.

British skiers used to the Trois Vallées will find none of these smaller Canadian resorts big enough for a week's skiing. But driving from Silver Star to Apex, Big White and Sun Peaks allows scenery to sink in Silver with a superb ski school, looks like a wild west

walks and verandahs. The skiing is mostly easy, but Putnam Creek is an isolated area of steep chutes where serious skiers can let rip. Big White is about to go

bigger with a \$45 million expansion, adding accom-modation and high-speed lifts. Apex similarly suffers from a no-frills infrastructure at the moment, although thrills on the hills keep customers happy enough.

Sun Peaks is in the throes of major development and is in Canada. New hotels and a sumptuous day lodge are already in place.

#### WORD-WATCHING

#### Answers from Page 25

GENET (b) A kind iof civet-cat, a native of southern Europe, western Asia and Africa. The common species (Genetia vulgaris or Viverra Genetia) is found in the south of France. From the Old French gen(n)ete. "The palmyra becomes the resort of the palm-cat and the glossy and graceful genet."

(c) Butter made from buffalo's milk, clarified by boiling, so as to resemble oil in consistency. From the Hindi ghi, Sanskrit ghrta, from ghr to sprinkle. "He asked pardon of him who carried the dog, and bought it for a measure of GINGREAT

(a) To chirp or cackle as birds do. From the Latin gingrire to

GLEEK

(a) To trick or circumvent. To make a jest or gibe at a person. Of obscure origin, perhaps a diminutive of glee an entertainment. Shakespeare Henry V. v. i. 78: "I have seen you gleeking and galling at this gentleman twice or thrice."

#### FACT FILE

Crystal (0181-399 5144) goes to 11 resorts Inghams (0181-780 4444) offers non-stop flights from London to Calgary, nine resorts including a threeresort ski safari and helicopter skiing. First Choice (0161-745 7000) also introduces charter flights this winter to both its resort Neilson (0113-239 4555) travels to five (0990-329 329) has four resorts. Airtours (01706 260 000) three. Ski the American Dream (0181-470 1181) adds eastern Canada to its five resorts. Ski Independence (0990-550 555): four resorts.

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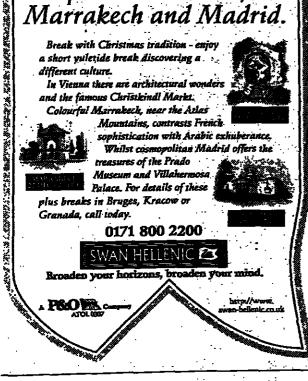
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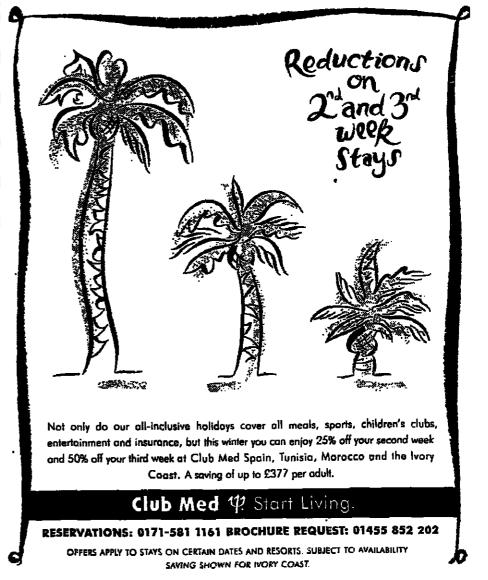


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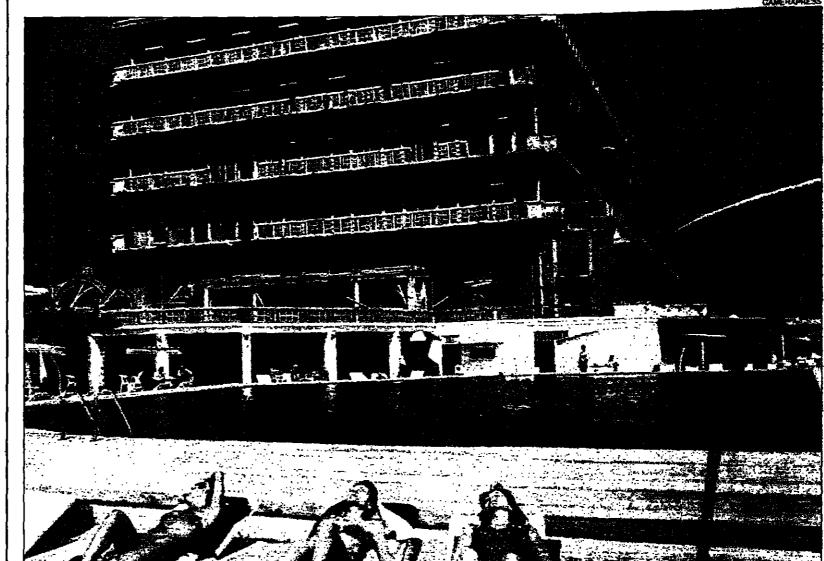
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#### Cheap Cuba

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Other low fares from Regent include a £220 return to Tirana in Albania with Maley Airlines. BRUCE COLEMAN



Lebanon: The city of Beirut, with its wealth of history, is safe to visit again

Building a tan by the pool of a war-damaged hotel in Beirut. The longer peace prevails, the more western Europeans are returning to Lebanon

t one time, tourists would visit Lebanon for the Roman ruins, the golden beaches, the exhilarating skiing, the marvellous nightlife and the wonderful food.

Beirut was an international playground for the idle rich, Hollywood film stars and Cold War spies (Kim Philby took refuge in Beirut before defecting to the Soviet Union in 1963). But all that came to an abrupt end when the first shots were fired in 1975. During the 16year conflict that followed. Christians fought against

## Rediscovering civilisation

Muslims, Druze against Christians, Sunni Muslims Druze against Shia Muslims, and Shia Muslims against everybody else. And in the process the ancient city of Beirut was virtually destroyed.

That conflict ended more than five years ago. But Lebanon is still seen by most resterriers as a syrio violence, anarchy and bloodshed, and a terrible lesson in what can happen when civil society is torn\_asunder by internecine conflict.

During the past two years. however, the tourists have gradually begun to return. International passenger traf-fic at Beirut airport has increased by 24 per cent, and the hard currency income generated by foreign visitors is last approaching pre-civil

With its rich archaeological heritage. Lebanon offers a remarkably large number of historical sites concentrated in a small area. The natural beauty of the country, including the bewitching mountains in the north and the warm coastal strip in the south, affords a scenic combination available in few other destinations. Moreover, Lebanon's un-usual mix of Arab traditions

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and Western outlook, free from the religious and cultural restrictions that have inhibited the development of a viable tourist industry in other parts of the Middle East, has created a hospitable, cosmopolitan atmosphere which most visitors find irresistible.

Few Lebanese are surprised by the speed at which their country is being rebuilt. Located where the Mediterranean basin joins the great Asian hinterland. Lebanon has had its share of invaders, despots, imperialists and terrorists.

During successive con-

quests by the Egyptians, Assyrians, Persians, Byzantines, Romans and Ottomans. Beirut has been razed to the ground no fewer then seven times. Rebuilding the city for the eighth time is something the average Lebanese simply takes in his stride.

tion of downtown Beirut was sive that entire city blocks have had to be demolished by bulldozers, most of the traditional tourist sites, notably Baalbek, Byblos, Tripoli and Sidon, were hardly touched by the civil war.
Their temples and columns are still standing.

A few of the top hotels. such as the Al Bustan, which gazes over the corniche from its dizzy heights in the mountains behind the city, escaped the devastation. Most of the others were riddled with artillery shells and machinegun fire. One by one, however, they are being rebuilt. During the past six months alone, the Comodore, Marriot and Phoenicia International have all opened to foreign visitors.

The creation of the Lebanese Company for the Dev-

elopment and Reconstruction of Beirut, responsible for rebuilding the downtown area, has given a huge boost to the tourist industry. Known by its French ac-ronym, Solidere is the centrepiece of the Govern-ment's \$13 billion plan to rebuild Beirut and return the city to its former status as the hub of Middle East finance, trade and tourism.

Solidere is also renovating the historical core of the city, from the Serail Citadel in the west to the Martyrs' Square in the east, along with the re-construction of the old souks of Ayyas, Tawileh and El-

Historians have long known that Beirut's rammany ancient layers of civilisation. During the excavations prior to construction, archaeologists have made finds dating back to 1700 BC, including evidence that the city was once wined out by a tidal wave.

These discoveries are so rich that Beirut now rivals Lebanon's other centres of historical interest. As yet there are no official tours to point out where Terry Waite, Brian Keenan and John Mc-Carthy were kidnapped. But the taxi drivers are more than happy to oblige.

MICHAEL DYNES The author was a guest of British Mediterranean and the Hotel Al Bustan.

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## Around the arrondissement

his week the Insider's Guide tests
Paris guidebooks. There are
about 50 on the market — some
facile, worthless and dated, others a mine of information with easy-to-follow maps. Since no one bothers to shop around for guides - travellers just grab the first one on the shelf - I have checked out eight publications available at the Eurostar terminal in Waterloo and in Brentano's, the English bookshoo in Paris.

The most impressive is The Eve-witness Travel Guide to Paris (Dorling Kindersley, £14.99). Its slogan is "the guides that show you what the others only tell you", and this is true. The lavish colour pages are more like a CD-Rom guide: there is no long, pretentious text, just three-dimensional maps which even those completely lacking a sense of

direction can use.

The eight pages that cover the Louvre, always a difficult place to negotiate, include cutaways of the wings and sections and an aerial drawing, and explain the art within and the architecexplain the art winin and the archiec-ture without. The guide is divided by colour-coded areas—the Latin Quarter, Montmartre, Beaubourg and Les Hal-les, etc—and this is how most visitors want to see Paris. Take the St-Germaindes-Pres section, which provides an aerial drawing and photographs with short descriptions of important sites in the area, showing cases such as the Flore and the Deux Magots, museums such as the Musée Delacroix, churches, the markets at St-Germain and Rue de Buci, and Picasso's outdoor sculpture, Homage to Apollinaire.

The recommended restaurants and hotels tend towards the grand: there are no surprises here but no real mistakes, either. What also makes the guide worthwhile are the A-Z maps of the arrondissements, which make a larger map unnecessary

The Time Out Guide (Penguin, £9.99) is less visual but well-designed and easy to use. The information is slightly trendier, the writing amusing without being loquacious.

The guide is divided by subject rather than area — museums, shopping, sightseeing — and includes extras such as gay and lesbian Paris and women's Paris. The Time Out service in Paris is superb - each week it provides an upto-date English section within the



French listings guide Pariscope, and the Time Out Restaurant Guide, available in magazine form for Fr30 at newsagents, is without doubt the most up-todate and accurate guide to dining and

drinking.
The Rough Guide (£7.99) is obviously more studenty, with the cheapest accommodation and food listings. In 418 pages it covers Paris both by arrondissement and subject, and the detail is often fascinating. In its Louvre section it notes that in the mid-18th century, the palace was taken over by squatters and artists, with 100 different families living around

the courtyard, causing Louis XV to consider razing the building.

Some visitors find the Rough Guide "grumpy" or "jaded" in attitude. Cer-tainly no reader wants the sanctimo-nious little lecture on pornography included in the section on Pigalle. "In the ranks of defences for using female bits to promote, sell, lure and exploit, Frenchmen are particular in putting art and beauty' in the front line.'

The Cadogan Guide (£12.99) includes 12 detailed walks around the city and a wealth of historical and peripheral information, as well as the usual tourist ligit or the city and a second control of the city and a second city and city are city are city as a city and city are city are city and city are city are city and city are city are city are city and city are city and city are city are city are city and city are city are city and city are city are city and city are city are city are city and city are listings - rather dated and unimpres-sive. For walkers in fine weather, however, this is a good buy. Its Ile de la Cité walk includes a rendition of the Abelard and Héloise love story, and a description of two 14th-century can-nibals, a barber and a pastrycook, who turned unsuspecting students into the finest pâté in Paris,

alkers should also consider Paris Step by Step (Pan, £7.99), which has 18 itineraries for walks and a cursory restaurant and bar guide. Fodor's Exploring Paris (£11.99) is attractive, with colour pic-tures and clear maps covering all the basics, as is the Everyman Guide (£16.99), a glossy book that is more suitable for the coffee table than the pocket. The award for the worst effort goes to the Nelles Guide to Paris (£8.95) which is verbose, complex and illdesigned, and appears to have been translated from German.

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#### by Raymond Keene

ANATOLY Karpov's result in the elite tournament at Tilburg, which concluded just over a week ago, is among his more modest achievements (he ended with 50 per cent), but the FIDE world champion had the consolation of winning one of the most incisive games in the final round, against

the young Hungarian Peter Leko. Leko is considered a particular expert in this variation, one widely espoused by Hungarian players, so it must have pleased Karpov to have demolished him with verve and grace.

White: Karpov, Black: Leko Tiburg, October 1996 Grunfeld Defence

Nf6 2 c4 g6 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 d4 Nc3 5 Qb3 One of Karpov's favourites. By

pressurising d5 he hopes to per-suade Black to surrender the centre by taking White's pawn. dxc4 6 Oxc4 0-0

Although this move was invented by Alekhine in the 1930s, it has only really gained respectability after adoption by Hungarian grandmasters. Popular alternatives are 7. Bg4 and 7...
Na6, both of which have been

played by Kasparov.

8 e5. The point of Black's opening is that after the natural 8 Bf4, as played by Dr Max Euwe in one of his world championship games against Alekhine in 1935, Black can resort to the dangerous strategic pawn sacrifice 8... b5 8 Qxc7 Qxc7 (Alekhine played the inferior 8 ... Qes) 9 Bxc7 Bb7, with plenty of counterplay against White's unwieldy pawn centre.

8... Nfd7. Leko varies from two games in the Karpov-kamsky FIDE world championship match played earlier this year in Elista, where Black did not fare particularly well with the immediate 8 . . . b5.

Nb6 10 Qc5 Be6 Bf5 12 Be2 Kh8 Bc8 14 0-0-0 f6 11 Ng5 13 g4

The board is in flames, as is so often the case when the players castle on opposite wings. White's target is clearly the black king.

Black to play. This position is

In this messy position Black

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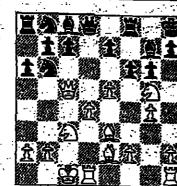
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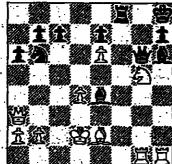


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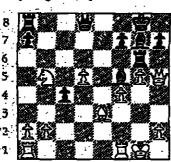
Avoiding 19 Nxd5 Bxe4 forking two white pieces.

19 ... N7b5 20 h5 Nxe3 21 fxe3 Bh6 22 Nce4 Qd7 23 hxg6 Qc6+ 24 Kd2 White's king marches towards the sound of gunfire but 24 Kbl is clearly out of the question on account of 24... Bxe4+.

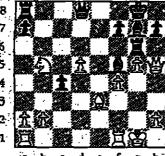
24... Qxg6 25 Rdgi Rad8. If 25 Bxe4 26 Nxe4 Qxe4, 27 Rxh6 Bxe4 26 Nxe4 Qxe4, 27 Rxh6 leaves Black very badly placed.
26 e6. Threatening Nf7+, winning Black's queen. Black also has to contend with the threat of Bh5. Leko, therefore, takes drastic counter-measures, but he has overlooked a neat tactical trick: 26 .. Rxd4+ 27 exd4 Bxe4



With his pin against White's knight, Black appears to have confused the issue, but Karpov now deals the death blow. 28 Rxh6 Qxh6 29 Qe3. Black resigns. White threatens both to capture the black bishop on e4 and to win Black's queen with Nf?+ and if 29 .... Rg8 30 Nf7 is checkmate.



Last week's solution: 1 Bf8 Last week's winner: L McCabe, Weybridge, Surrey.



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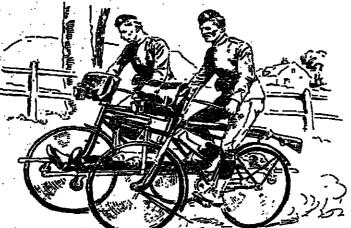
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WHAT DOES HE SAY, MARGARET?



"You do the siren today, Stan, my throat's killing me"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by J. Burscough of Brigg, Humberside

#### **WORD-WATCHING**

By Philip Howard **GENET** 

a. Component of a living cell b. A civet cat c. A shrimping net GHEE

a. A cricket b. Afghan polo c. Buffalo butter

c. A mantrap

GINGREAT a. To chirp b. A Far Eastern cocktail

GLEEK To deceive b. An old-fashioned golf club c. A muddy backwaier

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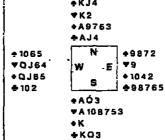
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DO YOU KNOW this famous old chestnut? You have to play this combination to make five tricks:

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The correct play is to lead the 10 and run it if West plays low. It doesn't matter what you do if the suit breaks 3-2, but running the 10 gains when West has Q J 6 4 and East the singleton 9. If West plays the 9, jack or queen on the 10, you put up the king; you then lead the 2 and cover East's card.

The unlikely combination actually occurred a few years ago in a match between England and Wales. The layout was something



Contract: 6NT by South Lead: six of spades

Patrick Jourdain, the declarer for Wales, is a keen student of the game, and he played the hearts in the approved fashion. I hope he shouted "Eureka" when the magic 9 fell under the 10.

At the other table David Price and David Burn for England (you'd have thought they should play for Wales with those first names) bid to Six Hearts. After a spade lead Burn played a heart to the king, and subsequently lost two trump tricks for one down. After the hand Price asked him what his hearts were: "A 10 to six"; "A 10 what?" said Price, leaning forward. "A 10 8," replied Burn. "A 10 8 WHAT?" Price shouted. Burn nervously admitted to the seven, enabling Price to point out the rara avis Burn had missed.

But Burn, a resourceful player (now coach of the British Open team), came back with a good excuse. He said he was going to play East for QJ9x of hearts. and organise a trump coup. Say all follow small to the first round of hearts. On the second round East must put in the queen from the hypothesised QJ9x. else declarer plays the 10 and only loses one trump. Declarer wins and West shows out.

Now if East started with favourable shape, e.g. 3-4-3-3, declarer can arrange to ruff two diamonds in hand. Then at trick eleven declarer crosses to dummy. In the two-card ending East has ♥ J 9 and South ♥ 10 8; with the lead coming through him. East only makes one trump trick.

• The round robin phase of the Olympiad ended last Monday. The British Open team was fifth in its group, failing by one place to advance to the quarter-finals. The British women were fourth in their group and so got to the quarter-finals, where they lost narrowly to Austria. A different opening lead on the last board would have secured them victory. The results of the finals will be published in the bridge column next Monday.

Answers on page 23

#### **COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES** by Tim Wapshott

A CYNIC might suggest that the only way to make computer fishing games feel remotely authentic is to play them standing in the bath. Admittedly, fishing rates as one of the mosy unlikely sports for the desktop since it is, by its very nature, such a soporific pastime. Much of the appeal of a day up

to your elbows in waders and freezing water is the serene setting and sublime solitude, even if you do have to get up at the crack of dawn. Excitement comes along once in a while but in the main it is a waiting game that just can't be rushed. For fishing read bucketloads of

for Yellow Pages, the phone book firm. It actually registered its best commercial creation — J.R. Hartley. In one of the most surreal literary events of modern times, the bogus author then dreams from the ads, Fly Fishing, which the public swallowed hook, line and sinker.

sentiment — not to mention bucks

In time for this Christmas. Yellow Pages is dusting down the registered J.R. Hartley trademark for a second corny spin-off, a CD-Rom fishing title which is also called Fly Fishing and comes packaged as another book. Actually this derivative title is quite good in an off-beat way. The fishing element admirably suggests the full flavour of a day at the lush riverbank using photo-realistic images overlaid with an inviting pas-toral cacophory. To the rhythm of the flowing river come the traditional sounds of a British summer - in the distance you can hear ducks, sheep and cows. There are three rivers to fish: Ireland's salmon-rich

the Test in Hampshire. Swamped by such audiovisual beauty, you cast your line in the hope of a bite or two from brown and rainbow trout or salmon. You have to

the first place, and for this you need to look out for tiny bubbles appearing on the water's surface. Casting is carried off with a welltimed mouse click, using a moving meter, but it is actually devilishly tricky to land any fish. These have artificial intelli-

Blackwater, the Spey in the Highlands of Scotland and

> Not for those in a hurry but Fly Fishing is swamped by its audio-visual beauty

gence, so they quickly learn your style and start to avoid your varied, so instead of sunshine you can splash about in heavy showers when some fish become easier to catch some of the time.

Fly Fishing trickles along very slowly, and perhaps that's the point. This is not something for people in a hurry. The Windows CD-Rom includes an illustrated library offering fishy lowdowns as well as tips from the angling expert

Andy Murray.
Younger electronic anglers might be better served with much easier fishing games, such as Bass Tournament '96 from American Softworks. The graphics aren't a patch on Fly Fishing but thrills in this modest title flow along faster. You start in a fishing shop with limited funds to stock up on tackle, rods, lines, floats and a decent boat. Here the catch is bass from North American lakes. The aim is to turn a profit through your competitive fishing skills in order to afford bigger and better tackle and boats

which seek out better catches. For more serious-minded enthusof Coarse Fishing CD-Rom re-counts plenty of fishing tales and tips in a reference work with 250 articles and 40 minutes of video footage. Bob Nudd, three times world champion, offers advice while TV commentator John Wilson focuses on tell-tale bubbles

and ripples. Even non-anglers might enjoy the quirky appeal of the advice offered here by the professionals. For example, a good stilton makes the ideal bait for pike and perch while other big fish will swim out of their way for Weetabix mixed with banana paste. For floating bait, try Go-Cat, dog food or Sugar Puffs. And once the children have scoffed their Kinder eggs, snaffle the plastic shell inside — it makes an excellent float.

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"Ann, Ann! Come! Quick as you can! There's a fish that talks, in the frying pan." Walter de la Mare, Peacock Pie (1913).

No 929

ACROSS

1 Female seclusion (6) 4 Angelic being, child (6)

8 Unfortunately (4) 9 Singer (8) 10 Masthead lookout post (5,4)

13 Watch-spindle: large match 15 Drop (vowel) (5)

16 Services clergyman (5) 18 Rich little dessert cake (5.4)

21 Church regulations (5,3) 22 Salvador—, surrealist (4) 23 Signify (6) 24 That is to say (6)

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5 With strong, sincere emotion (9) 6 Collapse (4) 7 Where - of Hastings took

place (6) 11 Postporte decision overnight (5.2.2)

12 TS-, poet (5) 14 Malicious destruction (8)

16 Calm (6) 17 Intelligent (6) 19 One from Des Moines (5)

20 In a while (4) ACROSS: I Blow one's top 8 Heels 9 Compose 10 Nook 11 Spoonfed 13 Custom 14 Pauper 17 Unfrozen 19 Toff 22 Haffner **SOLUTION TO NO 928** 

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## THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

1 10 (five words) is a 12-line poem. 21 of the lights are clued normally, the remainder in relation to the poem. Eleven of these are clued in association with a keyword from a different line of the poem as follows: Each line of the "Poem" below contains a definition of one of these eleven lights and a "keyword", together with a mix of their assembled letters. The word lengths are: 12 (4,5), 18 (4,5), 19 (9,4), 26 (7,7), 28 (6,4), 32 (7,4), 5 (4,7), 8 (7,6), 20 (7,5), 22 (6,5) and 24 (6,5). One of these answers consists of two words, and another is apostrophised.

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tear Il Colour with beauty garish regular

12 No single oath returns with freckles fair Line seven of the poem is clued thus: There G(-24) 11 and M(-12)

 Sound thinker shows nameless poet embracing Israel (6) 13 Corneal defect with tuft of hair

on E. European coin (7) 14 Spirit joint is heard in spirit (5) 16 Rock singer is deplorably bad

17 Modified having stumbled, losing head (7)

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4 As folds enlarge a faded open 25 Rages would be most pleasing when in the money (4) 31 Being lively such dancers are

the Northern lights (5) 33 It's a moment ago with one brought back (4)

34 Sobriquet having taken in an ехтга (6)

Doctor quits river for fisher-man's lookout (4)

What's drawn out to take away, having head taken away (5) Surgeon is in the right - it is a skin eruption (6)

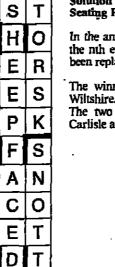
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For Will to unite you need a fashionable place (7) 9 It's serious being without a name (6).

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27 A short month and a long system on numbering (5) 29 Continue past in very Scottish . . (4)

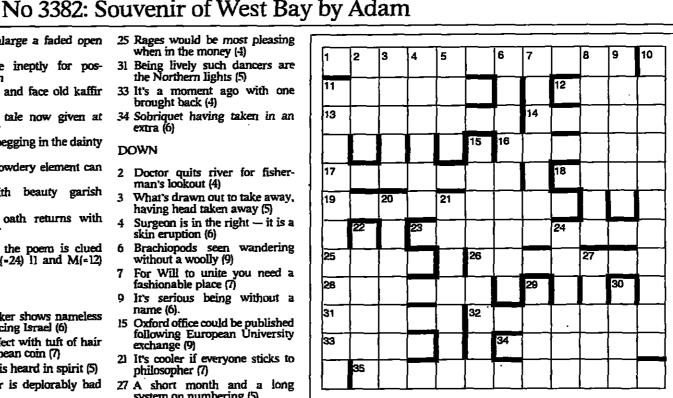
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